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Princeton Future Debates Potential Of SID, Jitney System

The question of whether or not a Special Improvement District (SID) has received enough support from Borough residents, merchants, and non-profit institutions to justify further discussion of its feasibility was debated by members of Princeton Future's Community-Based Neighborhood Retail Initiative (CBNR) last week.

Due to the snowstorm that brought as much as six inches to some areas the previous evening, only one Borough merchant was present at the February 25 meeting to voice his views on the matter. Barry Weisfeld, owner of the Princeton Record Exchange, said that he thought a SID-funded jitney would enhance the town and bring in more business than any other SID-funded projects, such as an organized system for snow-shoveling and garbage pick-up.

However, Borough Councilwoman Wendy Benchley said she feels that a jitney should be separately funded, since it would be difficult to convince some merchants that a jitney would benefit their businesses as much as the other SID services.

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Storm Hits: "We Got Hammered"

As the region received a healthy winter walloping for the third time in eight days, Princetonians were left dreaming of dry, sunny January days and the calmer skies of winter's first half. Or, perhaps we were left to accept the fact that it is winter, and snow definitely happens.

So, while residents wonder exactly how much snow they are actually required to remove from their sidewalks, they could be thankful that this trio of storms did not cause serious damage in the area.

The latest storm did, however, cause throngs of jubilant Princeton Regional Schools students to celebrate when they were informed Monday morning that school would let out early at 1 p.m. The situation only improved when, around 4 a.m. Tuesday morning, they learned that a whole day of school had, indeed, been cancelled.

Actual snow totals for the region were on the low end of early reports forecasting between six and 12 inches. Even though the snow began to fall at a steady clip Monday around 11 a.m., it took hours before it began to accumulate, offering somewhat of a reprieve to commuters and students who needed to get off the roads before icy conditions prevailed.

The advance notice helped. The schools were dismissed, Princeton University closed early, and all municipal action was postponed to later dates.

The lightened load of traffic allowed both Borough and Township Departments of Public Works to come in and handle the roads with a certain level of ease, according to Janet Pellichero, of the Township's Public Works.

"The roads are looking pretty good: yesterday's storm kind of caught us off-guard and the small amounts of snow that kept coming was really more of a problem to deal with. "The crews were out there all day yesterday and all night last night, rested for a few hours, and then went out there again." All things considered, Mr. Pellichero said that while the combination of the three storms has been "laborious," the roads have held up "just fine."

When the snow was not yet

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Task Force Chairman Brings Hospital Report to Legislators

After a year-long effort, chairman of the Princeton Health Care Task Force and former Princeton Borough Mayor Marvin Reed delivered the findings and recommendations of the task force report offering potential uses of the land the hospital hopes to vacate within six years, and recommendations for the proverbial Plan B, which suggests zoning variances giving the hospital room to expand if unsuccessful in its relocation efforts.

The task force, a 10-member body composed of Borough and Township planning, zoning, and elected officials, was put together in April 2004 to review the PHCS strategic plan. PHCS is the parent entity to both the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) and Merwick. From the outset, the task force was instructed to examine development and zoning possibilities for the 11.76 acres on the hospital's main Witherspoon Street campus, and, to a lesser extent, the nine acres that house the Merwick Rehab facility on Bayard Lane.

In addition to what has already been touched on in the press and the four public forums held by the task force, Mr Reed said that he and his colleagues

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MARKING THE END OF A SPECIAL MONTH: Black History month was celebrated at the Suzanne Patterson Center last Friday. There was musical entertainment and food, and a number of people who were "Firsts" in the area were honored, one of the most prominent being the first man in the first row, 103-year-old Princetonian Albert Hinds.

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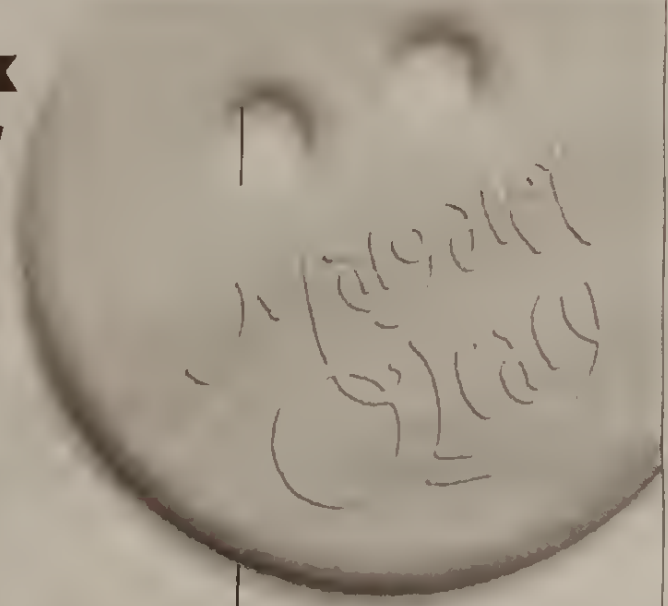

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St. Paul's Church Member Victim of Immigration Raid

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The man, a Guatemalan described as a self-employed building contractor in his 30s, has two daughters, ages eight years and eight months, both legal U.S. citizens. The names of the man and his wife, also a Guatemalan immigrant, are currently being withheld, said Princeton immigration rights activist Maria Juega.

Ms. Juega, who was at the scene of the raid by Immigration Customs and Enforcement officials (ICE), said that there was initially no response when they arrived, and that all doors were locked. After approximately two hours the man finally came out and was taken to a facility in Cherry Hill, and then to the Elizabeth Detention Center.

Ms. Juega said that one of the reasons the couple wants to stay in the country concerns the health of their eight-year-old daughter, who has a serious brain abnormality and requires extensive medical care.

This raid is among more than a dozen that have already taken place over the last year in the Central New Jersey area, said Ms. Juega. Other local raids include one that took place early this winter when a McCaffrey's supermarket employee was removed from the store, and another last fall, when eight men were removed from a Witherspoon Street residence.

— Candace Braun

Topics In-Brief:
A Community Bulletin

Princetnn Tnwnship Cnmmittee has received a $50,000 grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust for rehabilitation, and erosion and vegetation control, for Mountain Lakes Dams. The grant, issued through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, was part of a total $18 million approved by the Assembly for 85 historic preservation sites throughout the state. Eight sites in Mercer County were awarded grants in addition to Mountain Lakes, including $38,804 for the Township's Updike Farm.

Due to the snow storm Monday, **Tnwnship Committee** has rescheduled all items originally on its February 28 agenda to appear on its March 7 agenda. At that meeting, Committee is scheduled to hold a public hearing on a controversial ordinance that would line a 1,300 foot stretch on the western side of Snowden Lane with a paved walkway. Residents living on the abutting properties are opposed to the proposal, saying a pathway would subtract from the road's bucolic character. Committee will meet at Township Hall at 7 p.m.

The **Princeton Reginnal School Board** has rescheduled its regular meeting from Thursday, March 3, to Tuesday, March 8 at 8 p.m. at the John Witherspoon Middle School. The meeting will discuss the 2005-2006 budget.

Princetnn Borough Cnuncil was scheduled to meet March 1 to discuss a possible study on the consolidation of Borough and Township Police Departments, and to approve various bond ordinances for capital improvements.

The **Princeton Township Flood Control Committee** will meet March 2 at 4 p.m. in Room B of Township Hall to review the Township's new Flood Mitigation Plan, the New Jersey State Storm Water Management Regulations, and storm water management on single family lots.

Discussions on Witherspoon Street will continue this weekend when **Princetnn Future,** a community group that facilitates discussion on in-town development, will address the findings of its ongoing Witherspoon Street Corridor Study. The discussion will take place this Saturday, March 5 at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at the Princeton Public Library.

Incumbent candidates for the **Princeton Reginnal Schools Board nf Education** are running uncontested in April's election after no opponents filed petitions for the position by Monday's deadline. Michael Mostoller of the Borough, Walter Bliss of the Township, and Jeffrey Spear of the Township will be the only names that will appear on the April 19 ballot.

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A TOWN IN TUNE WITH EINSTEIN: Princetonians have been asked to "Think Einstein" as part of a year-long commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the publication of the Theory of Relativity. Organizations throughout the community have come up with their own programs honoring the work of Princeton's most famous physicist.

A Hundred Years After 'Miracle Year,' Princetonians Urged to 'Think Einstein'

With world class institutions like Princeton University and the Institute for Advanced Study, many Princeton residents have taken pride in the community's collective brain power. But, in a year celebrating Albert Einstein's landmark theory that changed the way we approach the physical world, Princetonians are being asked to step up to a more daunting challenge:

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we're being asked to think like Einstein.

In honor of the special relationship that Einstein had with the community, several Princeton-based educational and cultural institutions have come together to create "Think Einstein," a series of events celebrating the 100th anniversary of Einstein's "miracle year" in which the Theory of Relativity and other landmark papers were published. Both Princeton Borough and Princeton Township have officially declared 2005 to be "Think Einstein" year.

The year-long celebration will present a range of events, including scholarly lectures, discussions, exhibits, films, book talks, and school and family programs, all organized under the leadership of the Historical Society of Princeton. Program partners include the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton Public Library, Princeton Regional Schools, the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Arts Council of Princeton, and Princeton University, including Cotsen Children's Library and the U Store. More are expected to join the celebration.

Maureen Smyth, curator of the Historical Society and coordinator of the celebration, said that interest in the effort has encouraged community-wide organizations to come up with their own programs honoring the physicist. "Community organizations throughout town have mobilized to present a varied program of events worthy of the legacy of Albert Einstein," she said. "He continues to hold a special place in Princeton memory."

Einstein's connection to the community began in 1921, when he received an honorary degree from Princeton University, in recognition of his world-renowned Theory of Relativity. In 1933, fleeing Nazi power, Einstein moved to Princeton to take up one of the first faculty appointments at the newly founded Institute for Advanced Study. Einstein resided at 112 Mercer Street, today a private residence. The Historical Society of Princeton maintains the Einstein Furniture Collection, a gift from the Institute for Advanced Study.

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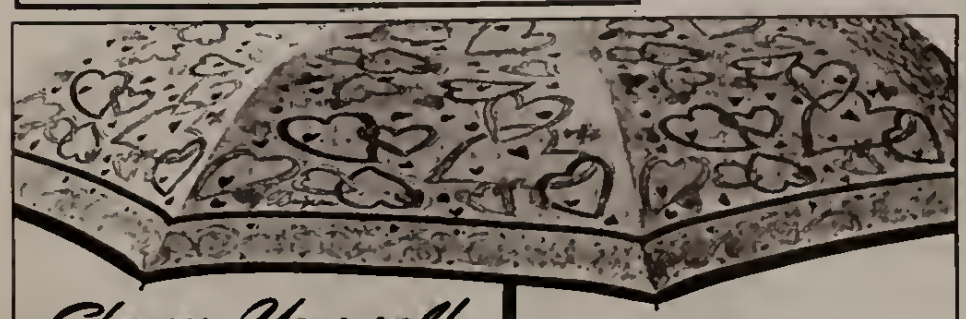
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This year, Princeton's first public memorial will be installed at Princeton Borough Hall on April 18th.

To learn more about the "Think Einstein" program and about Einstein in Princeton, visit the http://www.princetonhistory.org. To access the "Think Einstein" calendar of events, visit http://www.visitprinceton.org, the newly-launched Web site of the Princeton Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau.

YWCA Princeton Honors Women for Contributions

Fourteen women from local businesses, organizations, and educational institutions will be honored at the 22nd annual YWCA Princeton's Tribute to Women awards dinner, to be held at the Hyatt Regency Princeton on Wednesday, March 9 at 5 p.m. The Tribute program was established nationally by the YWCA to honor women who have made significant contributions to their professions and community in executive, entrepreneurial, professional, educational, and elected roles.

Candidates are nominated by managers, colleagues, and peers in the workplace and in the community. All Tribute to Women 2005 honorees were judged on criteria that took into account academic achievement, professional responsibility, community service, demonstrated leadership, mentoring of others, ability to communicate ideas, and special projects or accomplishments. Chair of the Tribute program is Teri McIntire, founder of Maya Marketing, LLC in Princeton.

Honorary chair of this year's awards and a past TWIN honoree herself, is Princeton resident Subha Barry, First Vice President of Multicultural and Diversified Business Development for Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. In this role, she is responsible for developing a multicultural business platform to increase Merrill Lynch's presence among diverse markets through creative and innovative sales and marketing strategies.

Listed below are the other honorees:

Melanie Clarke of Princeton — founder and director of Princeton Symphony Orchestra's BRAVO!

Barbara Johnson of Princeton — volunteer for Friends of the Princeton Public Library.

Dr. Jacqueline Jones of Princeton — Director of Initiatives in Early Childhood and Literacy Education, Educational Testing Service.

Dr. Banu Mahalingam — attending physician in the Cardiology Department at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Cathryn Mitchell of Hopewell — founder of the Princeton law firm Miller Mitchell PC.

Norma Monaghan of Newtown — Executive Director at St. Francis Medical Center Foundation.

F. Joy Montero of Princeton — Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Princeton University.

Sue Ellen Page of Princeton — Director of Choirs for Children and Youth, Nassau Presbyterian Church and founder of Trenton Children's Chorus.

Iris Schlossberg Perlstein — Director of Princeton Behavioral Health Adolescent Substance Abuse Program, an inpatient unit of the University Medical Center at Princeton (Doylestown).

Dr. Denise Rodgers of Montclair — Senior Associate Dean for Community Health at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Dr. Jane Rohlf of Princeton — Director of Clinical Research at St. Francis Medical Center.

Betsy Sands of Princeton — volunteer at Princeton HealthCAre System.

Ruth Sayer of Princeton — realtor with Gloria Nilson Realtors/GMAC and co-founder of Little Lelsure School.

Janet Westrick of Princeton — chair of the Music & Performing Arts Department at Princeton Day School and founder and artistic director of Princeton Girlchoir.

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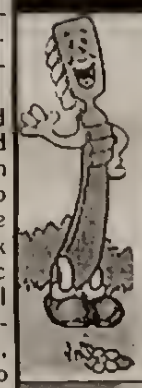

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Walking and Bicycling as Important As Driving, Sidewalk Committee Says

Representatives from the Princeton Sidewalk and Bikeway Advisory Committee (SBAC) have offered their recommendations for changes to the Princeton Community Master Pfan that woufd place more emphasis on the sidewalk and bikeway infrastructure.

Recommendations in a presentation before the Master Plan Subcommittee of the Princeton Regional Planning Board last Tuesday suggested amending the master plan to establish bicycle goals for the entire community that would encourage more bicycling while reducing short driving trips; enhance walking mobility for children; make popular destinations more bicycle-friendly; and contribute to the overall promotion of good health.

Marvin Reed, a member of the planning board, said bicycling and walking should be considered as important as driving.

"Walking and biking are fundamental transportation and fundamental recreation in town. Sidewalks and bikeways are just as important as roadways and ought to get the same amount of attention."

Mr. Reed also suggested a change in the general rhetoric about combining goals for bicycling and walking. "We get mixed up because we think of walking and biking as the same thing, but they're really separate activities.

"One of our problems is that too often the people who are walking get In the way of the people who are biking and vice versa because they're both trying to use the same path at the same time."

Mr. Reed did suggest, however, that the regional infrastructure has hit a critical mass that precludes reverting back to a biking/walking cuiture. "f'm not doing this out of some kind of nostalgic dream, but we seem to have devefoped a practice in this town where part of the Princeton culture Is that if you don't drive your kid to school, you're not a good parent." As a resuft, Mr. Reed said, school drop-offs and pick-ups around 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. produce gridlocked conditions at the schools.

According to the report submitted by SBAC, a proposal was made to then-Borough-Mayor Reed 10 years ago suggesting a study of the "local bicycling environment, impediments to bicycling, and recommendations for change." At that time, Mr. Reed thought the community should develop a classification for sidewalk standards for in-town, suburban, and rural areas, and a standard for pathways through open space and open land. Issues of cost-sharing between municipalities, materials used for pathway/bikeway construction, and width standard were also addressed.

William Enslin, a member of both Township Committee and the Princeton Regional Planning Board, said he hoped to establish "well-defined" walkways and pathways with potential destinations. Doing that, he added, would lead to more efficient resolutions of situations like the one currently underway on Snowden Lane.

Township Committee is scheduled to hold a hearing March 7 concerning a proposaf to build a pathway afong a 1,300-foot stretch afong the western side of Snowden Lane between Hamilton and Frankfin Avenues. Among the many reasons why residents along that portion of the road are opposed to the plan is because the proposed sidewalk does not appear to be fully supported in the master plan, as are other sites earmarked for sidewalk installation.

— Matthew Hersh

TWO OF A KIND: Last Sunday was a perfect day for walking the dogs, Gwennie (left) and Olaf. Gwennie is the mom. The proud owner is Sue Ellen Johnson. *(Photo by E J Greenblat)*

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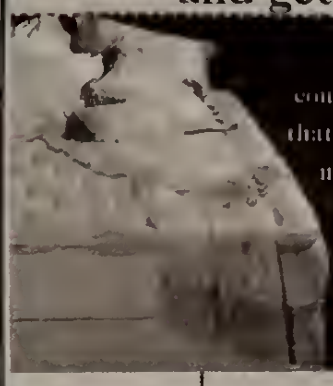

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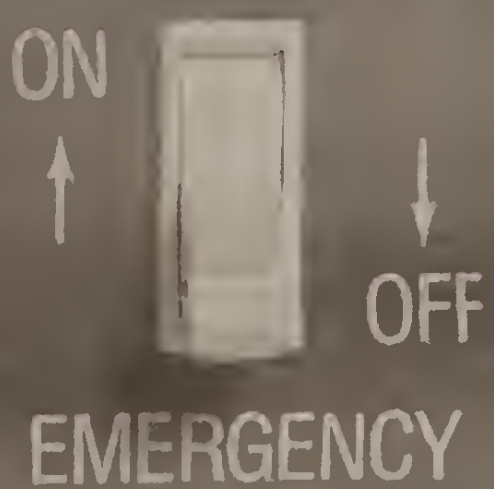

Tuesday, March 8, 2005
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THE LANDOWNER LIABILITY ACT

New Jersey is one of the most densely populated states in the nation, which means that the availability of undeveloped land that can be used for hiking or other recreational activities is becoming increasingly scarce. Out of fear of liability, property owners may be reluctant to grant access to their lands or to give conservation easements for recreational activities. These property owners would do well to explore the protections offered by the New Jersey Landowner Liability Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:42A-2 et seq.

The purpose of the Act is to induce landowners (where used in this article, the term landowner also includes lessees and occupants) to make their properties available for sport or recreational activities by limiting the tort liability these owners might otherwise face under the common law. "Sport and recreational activities" is defined to include hunting, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, camping, and other outdoor recreational activities.

The Act provides that a landowner owes no special duty to keep his or her property safe for entry or use by others for sport and recreational activities, or to warn persons entering for such purposes of hazardous conditions of the land. The Act also provides that a landowner who gives permission to another to enter upon his or her property for a sport or recreational activity does not thereby (1) extend any assurance that the property is safe for such purpose; (2) change the person's status to that of an "invitee" (to whom a higher duty of care is owed); or (3) assume responsibility or incur liability for that person's acts that cause injury to another or damage to property. These limitations on liability apply to public and private entities alike.

The Act's limitations on liability also apply, in varying degrees, to the following: (1) farmers who grant permission to bike, horseback ride, or operate a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle on their properties; (2) the owners of premises upon which public access has been required as a condition of a regulatory approval of, or by agreement with, the Department of Environmental Protection; and (3) the owners of premises on which a conservation restriction is held by the State, a local unit (e.g. a municipality), a charitable conservancy, or premises upon which public access is allowed pursuant to a public pathway or trail easement held by one of these entities.

The Act does not, however, limit liability in the following circumstances: (1) willful or malicious failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition or activity; (2) injury suffered where permission to engage in recreational activities was granted for a consideration (i.e., in exchange for something of value, such as money), other than a consideration paid to the landowner by the State; or (3) injury caused by someone engaged in recreational activity to someone who is on the property for the landowner's personal affairs.

Historically, the courts have held that the Act only applies to rural or semi-rural lands. However, one section of the Act now defines "premises" to include lands located in urban and suburban areas. This definition raises a question as to whether "premises" will be interpreted more broadly in the future by the courts.

Landowners considering granting access to their properties for recreational use or considering selling conservation easements to a local government or nonprofit organization would be prudent to consult with an attorney first to review the Act's provisions in detail. Nevertheless, such landowners should be aware that the Legislature has created special immunities to encourage them to make their properties available for recreational activities for the benefit and enjoyment of others.

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Ex-U.N. Weapons Inspector To Speak at Wilson School

Hans Blix, former U.N. Weapons inspector, and honorary chairman of the International Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction, will present a lecture at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs entitled, "Weapons of Mass Destruction, Terrorism and Security" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, in Dodds Auditorium in Robertson Hall on the Princeton University campus.

Dr. Blix started his career as a doctor of law at Stockholm University in 1959 and was appointed associate professor of international law in 1960. He began his government service in 1963 as head of the department at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and served as legal advisor on international law. In 1976 he became undersecretary of state and was in charge of international development cooperation. He was appointed minister for foreign affairs in 1978.

For the period from 1961 to 1981, Dr. Blix was a member of Sweden's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. He was also a member of the Swedish delegation to the conference on disarmament in Geneva from 1962 to 1987. From 1981 to 1997, Blix served as director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency and was charged with overseeing inspection of Iraq's nuclear program.

Dr. Blix assumed the position of head of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission in 2000. The veteran diplomat headed the Commission during the contentious period when the existence and verification of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in Iraq was hotly debated by Security Council members as reason to justify waging war on that country.

Dr. Blix has been the recipient of numerous awards including an honorary doctorate from Moscow State University, the Henry de Wolf Smyth award, the Gold Medal award for distinguished service in the field of nuclear affairs by the Uranium Institute.

He has authored several books on international and constitutional law. In his most recent book (March 2004) entitled, "Disarming Iraq: The Search for Weapons of Mass Destruction," Blix provides an appraisal of the U.N. Iraq weapons inspection debate that led up to the country's 2003 invasion.

Dr. Blix attended the University of Uppsala in Sweden and Columbia University. He received his Ph.D. in law from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom.

The lecture is sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Program on Science and Global Security. The lecture will be simulcast in Bowls 001, 002 and 016 located on the lower level of Robertson Hall.

Valid Princeton Identification will be required for admission to Dodds.

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Question of the Week:

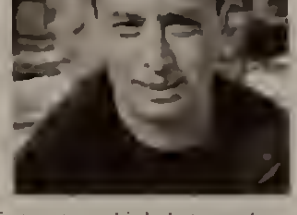
What type of security do you think the district should hire for the middle school and high school? (armed or not armed)

"It is a sad state of affairs that we have come to that point. However, if there is a real threat to the students, I think that putting security measures would be appropriate. As far as what would be appropriate, whether security persons should be armed or not, I think there should be other options such as screening for weapons before resorting to their carrying arms — it is scary." *— Patti Repetto, Moore Street*

"It think that before you bring security into the schools, and especially armed personnel, there need to be a rethinking of how students and discipline are managed in the school. I feel that authority figures – teachers and principles – have lost the respect that they used to have, and that it's important for the parents to recognize this and to talk to their children about the serious consequences of bad behavior."
— Mario Shepard, Moore Street (with Isabella, 4)

"I am very concerned that peace comes back to the students and that the faculty and administration are supported. As leaders of the children, the families have to stand with them — they have to support them. I hope that we never come to the point that armed guards are needed — that would completely deteriorate the situation." *— Dorothy Plohn, Library Place*

"It is a good idea to have guards. The kids need whatever protection that we can give them. As to whether the guards should be armed, that is best determined by the police and school officials, but I would not think so."
— Anthony LaPlaca, Moore Street



"I think it is unfortunate to think that guards may be necessary, and they should be a last resort, not a first one. If they are required to maintain order in the schools, then they are necessary. However, they should not be armed because that could lead to regrettable accidents."
— Martin Kahn, Jefferson Road

Borough Council Looks to Fund $50K for Elm Court Expansion

Princeton Community Housing (PCH) is seeking an additional $50,000 in aid from the Borough and Township to help fund its $10.5 million expansion project for Elm Court.

Set to begin construction this summer, Elm Court II, an expansion of Elm Court's 89-unit affordable housing complex for seniors off Elm Road in the Township, is currently $1.7 million short of reaching its budget goal, said PCH Executive Director Sandra Rothe at Borough Council's February 22 meeting.

The project has already received $80,000 in support from the Borough, and $90,000 from the Township. The largest contributor is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which has granted PCH $7.1 million towards the expansion.

After receiving approval from the Princeton Regional Planning Board for the project in June 2004, bids came in approximately $1.5 million over budget at $9 million, and were all within five percent of one another. Since then PCH has examined ways to redesign the expansion. More time and money has been spent doing so, and there are still areas where costs can't be cut, said Ms. Rothe: "We need to build a substantial building that will stand the test of time."

Ms. Rothe explained that appealing to the municipalities will give PCH a better chance to obtain significantly more federal funding.

Scheduled for completion by the summer of 2006, the Elm Court expansion will add 67 one-bedroom units for residents 62 years or older who meet HUD standards for low-income households.

Borough Council told PCH that it might find financial support for the project by diverting funds from other commitments in its Affordable Housing Utility budget; it emphasized that the money wouldn't directly affect its overall budget for 2005.

"Money blows to the most efficient providers," said Councilman David Goldfarb, adding that unlike the request Council received the same evening from HiTops for funding, this project could assist the Borough by helping it meet its affordable housing quota.

The Borough has a $700,000 affordable housing budget for 2005. A total of $175,000 of that budget has already been set aside for the renovation of five low income units the Borough owns on Leigh Avenue, which is part of a multiyear project estimated to cost approximately $400,000.

Council agreed to examine the possibility of reallocating funds to PCH, as well as to research how many credits the Borough will receive from the project toward its affordable housing requirements.

—Candace Braun

Coalition for Peace Action Will Show "Control Room"

The Peace Education Committee of the Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action is sponsoring a viewing of the feature film, *Control Room*, to be followed by a discussion led by Rider Professor of Communications Thomas Simonet. The movie is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, just up Cherry Hill Road from the light at the 206 intersection.

Directed by Jehane Noujaim, an award-winning Arab-American filmmaker who has lived within and embraced both worlds, *Control Room* provides an opportunity to re-examine the question, "Is America radicalizing or stabilizing the Arab world?"

The documentary provides a balanced view of Al Jazeera's presentation of the second Iraq war to their worldwide Arab audience, and in so doing calls into question many of the prevailing images and positions ollered up by the U.S. news media. *Control Room* explores how "truth" is gathered, presented, and ultimately created by those who deliver it.

In addition to his position at Rider, Prof. Simonet has worked weekends as an assistant metro editor at the Trenton Times. He attended the 1999 Hague Appeal for Peace, an international peace convocation that attracted over 10,000 participants.

The event is free and open to the public. For more details, visit the Coalition webpage at www.peacecoalition.org or contact the office at (609) 924-5022.

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Council Members, Residents Still Question Snow Regulations

Changes to an ordinance on snow removal in the Borough were debated, but once again not voted on at a Council meeting held last week at Borough Hall.

"The winter is going to be over before we adopt this ordinance," said Councilman David Goldfarb, after Council decided to amend the ordinance and scheduled another vote for its March 8 meeting.

The width of space that sidewalks should be shoveled was heavily debated for a second time by Council members. The original ordinance, which hasn't been updated since 1917, states that as "much of the snow and ice as possible" should be removed from the sidewalks within 12 hours of daylight following the storm. The amendment allows residents 24 hours following the storm to remove the snow, and requires them to remove a total of three feet in width on sidewalks wherever possible.

While Councilman Andrew Koontz was in full support of the three feet requirement and voiced concern that perhaps that is still not enough, Councilwoman Wendy Benchley voted firmly against the ordinance.

"Two feet is at least somewhat reasonable....and I think that's the most we can ask," said Ms. Benchley.

Hawthorne Avenue resident Phyllis Teitelbaum said she also supported revising the ordinance to two feet, adding that the ordinance should be geared toward snow removal, and not the amount of snow that is removed.

Some residents were troubled by the amount of time the Borough intends to give for snow removal before ticketing. Joshua Leinsdorf of Forester Drive said that everyone should have 24 hours after the snow plow comes by to clean sidewalks, as plows often push snow onto areas that have already been shoveled.

"It shouldn't matter if the snow comes from the sky or a snow plow," he said.

Bruce Lawton, who owns a corner property near Princeton High School with approximately 230 feet of sidewalk to shovel, mentioned receiving tickets over the years because of snow plows covering up areas he already took time to shovel, and complained of having to service his snow blower several times due to the amount of use it gets.

"This is a physical problem that a lot of people have," said Mayor Joe O'Neill, asserting that the ordinance's emphasis will still be primarily directed at residents who don't shovel at all.

He added that those who receive a ticket unfairly can argue it in court. Snow removal fines can range from $100 to $1,500.

In addition to Ms. Benchley, the ordinance received negative votes from Councilman Roger Martindell, Mr. Goldfarb, and Mr. O'Neill, who was the tie-breaker. Council will now have the opportunity to vote on the revised ordinance, which will state residents must shovel sidewalks two feet in width, instead of three.

— Candace Braun

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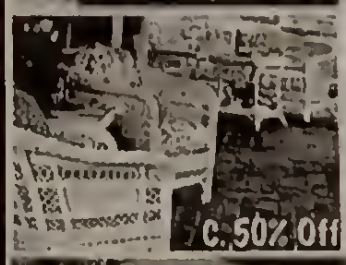

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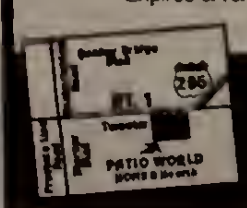

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SINGING FROM THE HEART: Paul Stephens, a member of the Witherspoon Presbyterian Church Choir, provided some inspired musical entertainment at last Friday's celebration of Black History month at the Suzanne Patterson Center. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

WILLIAMS SISTERS, MOVE OVER: They may not be tennis champions yet, but twin sisters Johnnie (left) and Michael Hill are gold-medalists in racquetball doubles and have been active in sports, music, dance, and movies, as well as American Gladiator, where Johnnie was a winner. Michael showed off their Gold Medal at last Friday's celebration of Black History at the Suzanne Patterson Center. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Councilman Urges Volunteer Help For Parks; Suggests Not-For-Profit

Concerned that several Princeton Borough parks have become needlessly rundown or neglected, Borough Councilman Andrew Koontz has taken an initiative to increase community support toward maintaining the Borough's 10 parks, which range in size from well-manicured Marquand to the hidden oasis of Quarry.

"There are some people who are so motivated to spruce up a park, but in other areas, we might have to provide more encouragement," Mr. Koontz said before the Princeton Environmental Commission last Wednesday. For a success story of park volunteerism, he cited the efforts of Polly Burlingham, who was instrumental in revitalizating Barbara Boggs Sigmund Park on the corner of Chestnut and Wiggins streets.

He also questioned whether Borough Parks should be limited to municipal oversight, suggesting that the Borough should consider some sort of governing body that would handle maintenance and other park-related issues. Specifically, he suggested a 501 (c)(3) organization like the Central Park Conservancy in Manhattan.

Having lived in Manhattan, and then near Prospect Park in Brooklyn, Mr. Koontz said he'd been able "to see first hand what these kinds of nonprofits were able to do."

"The change that has occurred in Central Park is phenomenal," he said, adding that "these kinds of nonprofits are springing up all over the place to do this kind of work: parks maintenance, parks improvements."

Mr. Koontz said that he had held one meeting with interested participants and that the general consensus among these Borough residents was to proceed with a non-profit organization. As such, Mr. Koontz said he aims to ask Borough Council for a formal task force to consider establishing such an organization.

"There's some question as to whether Borough Council will do that," he said; if not, he thought that any ad hoc group could proceed with the Borough's blessing.

Wendy Benchley, the Borough Council liaison to the Environmental Commission, lauded Mr. Koontz's idea, but said there needs to be a connection to Borough Council and wondered if any organization could oversee not just Borough parks, but those in the Township as well.

Ms. Benchley did not see a problem in getting residents interested in the idea of forming such a community-based group, but did encourage Mr. Koontz to continue galvanizing support for the initiative. "We should get the ball rolling because everybody's got a lot on their plate."

David Breithaupt, Environmental Commission chairman, said the concept of a not-for-profit would receive "a lot of interest from [commission] members." He also suggested the possibility of lobbying for an "Adopt-a-Park" ordinance, much like the code that has been enacted in the Township.

Commissioner Barbara Trelstad said that any oversight effort would benefit from increased attention given to parks, such as the Pine Street Park, or the aforementioned Quarry Park.

Commissioner Rosemary Blair, who inventoried Borough and Township parks three years ago, called the concept of a not-for-profit "excellent" and suggested Earth Day, April 22, as a day to hold various parks recognition events.

— **Matthew Hersh**

Senior Center Hosts Long-Term Care Talk

The Princeton Senior Resource Center is hosting a program to discuss long-term care and private financing options on Monday, March 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Nancy Morith, who has 16 years experience in long-term care planning and financing will present the talk titled "Staying in Charge of Your Future."

Ms. Morith is an authority on the subject and has educated state representatives across the country on Medicare and Medicaid. The program is being held at the Suzanne Patterson Center behind Borough Hall. For reservations, which are required, call (609) 924-7108. Participants should come prepared to ask questions.

New Jersey is one of the pilot states to receive funding from the federal government for a long-term care awareness campaign. The governor will be mailing letters to residents between the ages of 50 and 70, encouraging them to start a planning process and letting them know about free Long-Term Care Planning Tool Kits.

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also had to consider the goals and objectives of the other hospitals in the region, namely medical centers in Flemington, Somerville, Belle Meade, Freehold, Hamilton, and two hospitals in both New Brunswick and Trenton. "If you look at [these hospitals'] websites, almost all of these medical centers are all doing the same thing that's happening in Princeton," Mr. Reed said. "They're all looking at their facilities, looking at what is state-of-the-art, and they're looking at how they can modernize and expand." Mr. Reed said that over 60 percent of the facilities at UMCP are more than 30 years old, including the surgical suite, critical care, diagnostic imaging, and laboratories. Fifty-five percent of patient beds, he added, are not in private rooms. Last month, the task force released its report with zoning and development recommendations that are "consistent" with the goals put forth in the strategic plan, but do not outrightly endorse either a UMCP relocation or expansion.

However, onsite expansion for the hospital would be difficult, and would pose a challenge for surrounding neighborhoods. If the hospital were to stay true to its strategic plan and remain a competitive facility, by 2025, it would have to consider expanding facilities on to neighboring streets. If the hospital does stay onsite, the task force has cautioned municipal governing bodies and agencies against using the method of acquiring land through "eminent domain," which allows for the right of a government to take private property for public use upon payment of its fair market value.

Councilman Roger Martindell asked Mr. Reed why the onus is on the municipalities to reduce the medical services in Princeton "just to compete with the behemoths on Route 1?" Mr. Reed could only speculate as to what hospital representatives would say, but indicated that an all-Princeton patient base would not be sufficient to continue operation.

About 16 percent of UMCP's patients are from the Borough and Township. The majority come from the east and south, namely West Windsor, Plainsboro, East Windsor, Hightstown, Cranbury, and Monroe. It is for this reason, that an area along Route 1 has long been considered as an attractive destination for a PHCS campus.

Councilman David Goldfarb expressed some disappointment in the task force's findings, saying the analysis should have been a "critical counter-balance" to the UMCP strategic plan.

Mr. Goldfarb cited the warnings of the task force's independent analyst, Dr. Alan Sager of Boston University: "Dr. Sager's report says 'caution, caution, caution: what the hospital says may not necessarily be true,' but there's no critical analysis on the part of the task force analyzing why it came to the conclusion that despite Dr. Sager's warnings, the task force chose to essentially accept the hospital's point of view." Mr. Goldfarb added that in the Sager report, the modern community hospital is "not only viable, but may actually become preferable as the medical service economy evolves." However, Mr. Reed said that the task force's analysis was not generally based on the economic benefits or detriments to PHCS, but to the merits of improving health care.

When the task force released its report last month, Barry Rabner, president and CEO of PHCS, called Dr. Sager's report "generic" and was generally pleased that the task force recommendations did not mirror the doctor's findings.

Councilwoman Wendy Benchley said she would "not be swayed" by what kind of money is involved in redevelopment efforts, but preferred to look at the issue simply from a use perspective. Mr. Reed is scheduled to appear before Township Committee March 7 at 7 p.m. to offer the same presentation. He is expected to field questions from Committee members and to hear public comment.

—Matthew Hersh

BOSOM BUDDIES: With the production of 'Mame' this Friday and Saturday, Stuart Country Day School will open Cor Unum, a new performance and gathering space at the school. Shown rehearsing are, Jessica Harris of Princeton as Mame and Ashley Anderson of Clarksburg, as Vera.

SOUTHERN CHARM: Stuart Country Day students are ready for their production of 'Mame' this Friday and Saturday night. Shown dressed for the old south are cast members: Linzy Anderson of Princeton, Comfort Clinton of Princeton (seated) and Jennifer Carlino of Princeton Junction.

Stuart's Production of Mame Launches Performance Space

Stuart Country Day School's production of *Mame* this Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5, at 7:30 p.m., will mark the theatrical inauguration of Cor Unum, a new performance and gathering space at the school.

Mame chronicles the adventures of Auntie Mame, a woman who takes in her orphaned nephew and forever changes his life and hers. It is a show about having heart and it's the perfect production to launch Cor Unum, the new heart of Stuart.

Cor Unum was designed by architect Robert Venturi and completes the vision of Stuart's original architect, Jean Labatut, with whom Mr. Venturi studied at Princeton University. Many of the design elements used in Cor Unum echo the original architecture of the school and integrate the new space into the campus.

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Kojm Offers Behind the Scenes Look At Workings of the 9/11 Commission

How does one turn one of the darkest days in American history into a clearly written, comprehensive document?

For Christopher Kojm, deputy executive director of the staff of the 9/11 Commission, it was a careful handling of thousands of pages of classified details that could be translated for the benefit of millions of people who were anxious to know who or what caused 9/11, and how such a tragedy could happen to our country.

"We needed to write a report that the American people could read," Mr. Kojm, a visiting professor of public and international affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School, said last Wednesday at the Princeton Public Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Princeton Public Library, his lecture offered insights into how he and his staff members worked with the ten 9/11 commissioners to produce a volume attempting to explain a national event that will be part of the national discourse for years to come.

But it was not just the boiling down of facts and details. The report, Mr. Kojm said, would only be effective if people actually read it.

"This wasn't some kind of abstract civics exercise. The commissioners' point was that only when people read the report and agree with the recommendations will something happen, will change take place.

"If you have a report that's written by experts and for experts, on the day of its release, you might have a news story for a day, and then it disappears, and then it's a future dust collector on a book shelf."

Mr. Kojm was strikingly candid as he offered a glimpse into how he and his Kojm and his staff members dealt with that tragedy for the last three-and-a-half years that allowed for the accessibility of the *9/11 Commission Report*, which has been lauded as surprisingly compelling read.

The attributes for which the report is celebrated, were thanks to the leadership of the Commission Chairman Thomas Kean and co-Chairman Lee Hamilton, Mr. Kojm said, adding that from the outset, the two men were determined that this significant slice of American history would not "be a doorstop."

According to Mr. Kojm, Mr. Kean, the former New Jersey governor, had prepared himself for his role on the commission by reading past governmental analyses like The Hart-Rudman Commission Report and that of the Gore Commission on Aviation and Security; and while Mr. Kojm said his boss on the commission found the reports to be well-researched and well-received by the experts, "nothing happened."

So the members of the 9/11 Commission decided to handle things differently.

"It's really an endeavour to reach the American people, thereby to gain their interest, their attention, and support for change and reform."

So, how do you take this huge investigation and information from over 1,200 past and present government officials and turn it into a report?

"In the spring of last year, the staff director assigned 35 pieces of the report and assembled them into 10 chapters for a basic draft," Mr. Kojm said. That step, he added put into motion a "very elaborate" editorial process. The commissioners would then read those basic drafts "religiously and carefully" and offer input, which would then be integrated into the drafts, leading the way to a second round of drafts.

"Every chapter, went through three rounds of commissioner draft and revision," Mr. Kojm said, adding that some of those chapters that addressed more political issues would be subjected to even further scrutiny. "Those chapters went through many, many revisions."

"In a sense, the commissioners came to their own view that the best way to tell the story is to stick as closely to facts as you can, because that way you can get 10 commissioners to agree and you can leave it to the American public to make the judgements about who did well and who did poorly."

The mandate of the commission, Mr. Kojm said, is two-fold: "It's to tell the story of 9/11, and to make recommendations. The commission has no mandate to assess guilt or to assess blame. The commission had a very heavy mandate to look toward: What can we recommend to make this country safer and more secure?"

But ultimately, Mr. Kojm said, the commissioners had to start with the "story of the planes," not with "bin Laden in some fatwa, but with what happened on that beautiful Tuesday morning; to tell the story of the day."

Mr. Kojm attributed much of the success of the report to the transparency of the entire process. Who can forget the reluctant then-National Security Advisor Condoleeza Rice standing with her right hand raised before an explosion of flashbulbs as she was sworn in before the commission. Or images of Richard Clarke, the counterterrorism czar in both the Clinton and Bush presidencies, as he condemned administration officials for allegedly not taking intelligence threats seriously.

Even President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, who appeared before all 10 commissioners in private for their testimonial, "were very forthcoming."

"And the end of the day, the commission got all that it wanted to de-classify, got all the documents it wanted, got all the witnesses it needed, but it took a long time to get there."

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Princeton Future

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The funding of two jitneys, running between 6 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., from the dinky station to the Princeton Shopping Center, would amount to approximately $300,000, said Borough Administrator Bob Bruschi. This would exclude annual costs and the cost of purchasing the vehicles, he added.

Pam Hersh, director of community and state affairs at Princeton University, also emphasized the need to separate the funds for a jitney and a SID, and reminded everyone that the University's voluntary donations to the Borough would not necessarily be approved for a SID, but would more than likely be okayed for a jitney.

"Other college towns run jitneys without SIDs getting involved at all," she said, adding that along with helping residents, it would also benefit students, as the campus jitney does now. "We are committed internally to a jitney. Its very expensive, but we've done well with it."

She also said that she felt the University Medical Center at Princeton would contribute to a jitney, since it could help transport patients from town to their facility, whether it remains in the Borough or moves elsewhere.

Ms. Benchley said she would get in touch with a contact in Maplewood, where a jitney has already been put in place. She added that establishing the right cost for the jitney from the start is key, pointing out that Maplewood started by charging 25 cents but received complaints when the charge was upped to 50 cents.

A community survey asking who would use a jitney and how often it should run should be the next step for deciding if the town should implement one, said Mr. Bruschi.

In regards to a SID, Mr. Bruschi emphasized the need for Borough merchants to decide if they have a serious interest in one, since Borough Council is looking to hold a public meeting to discuss its potential in Princeton as soon as it believes enough residents want to be involved.

He added that to begin the process of bringing a SID to Princeton, a board would have to be appointed to create a budget, which would then have to be presented and approved by Borough Council.

The Borough administrator said he would draw up an example budget for a SID, using a sample area of businesses in town with sample costs for each one. The budget will be presented at the next CBNR meeting, on April 8.

—Candace Braun

Univ. Economist to Lead Bush Advisory Council

Princeton University economist Harvey Rosen has been promoted to chair of President Bush's Council of Economic Advisers, the White House announced February 23.

A member of the three-person council since 2003, Mr. Rosen succeeds former chair Gregory Mankiw, who resigned last week to return to Harvard University. The council provides the president with economic analysis and advice on the development and implementation of a wide range of domestic and international economic policy issues.

With research focusing on public finance, Mr. Rosen is the John Weinberg Professor of Economics and Business Policy and has been a member of the Princeton faculty since 1974. His work has covered topics such as federal taxation, state and local governmental finance, housing policy and labor study.

Mr. Rosen served as the deputy assistant secretary for tax analysis in the Department of the Treasury under President George H.W. Bush from 1989 to 1991.

Mr. Rosen is the author of "Public Finance," a widely studied textbook that was initially published in 1985 and has been translated into Spanish, German, Croatian and Chinese. He also co-wrote "Microeconomics" (1991) with Michael Katz, an economics professor at the University of California-Berkeley, and edited "Studies in State and Local Public Finance" (1986) and "Fiscal Federalism: Quantitative Studies" (1988).

Mr. Rosen, who is currently on leave from the University faculty, has served as chair of the Department of Economics and director of the Center for Economic Policy Studies. In 2003, he received a President's Award for Distinguished Teaching from the University. He is a fellow of the Econometric Society and a research associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research.

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HiTops Seeks Borough Funding; Council Offers No Guarantees

HiTops appeared before Borough Council last week to ask for an annual donation of $10,000 to help fund its programs and services. However, Council was reluctant to designate any money for the non-profit organization in its 2005 budget.

HiTops provides clinical services for youth, educational programs for students, parents, and teachers, and support programs for those confronting sexual difficulties such as gender confusion or sexual assault.

Operating under a budget of almost $1 million, HiTops receives approximately $275,000 in revenue from clinical services and educational programs each year, and gets the rest of its funding from donations, said Executive Director Bonnie Parker. In 2004, the organization raised more than $320,000 from individuals in the community, $50,000 from corporations, and $280,000 in grants from foundations and trusts.

"We have not sought support from [the Borough] in the 18 years we've been in business," said Ms. Parker, adding that last year HiTops served 9,000 people in general education programs, and 1,000 for medical services.

"We know we're a valued resource in the community... We need your support in any way we can get it," she said.

HiTops is the only organization in New Jersey to provide a teen-smoking cessation program, a service for which it just lost its federal funding, said Ms. Parker. She added that last year the organization offered more than 60 workshops in the Princeton Regional Schools.

"Our clients are teenagers and schools, neither of which have a lot of money," she said.

Emphasizing the Borough's need to tighten its belt this year, given an inflating budget that raised taxes 12 cents per $100 of assessed valuation in 2004, Councilman David Goldfarb said, "We cannot provide general support....to organizations that don't provide key functions to the Borough itself."

"There are many organizations around town that give counseling," said Councilwoman Wendy Benchley, suggesting that HiTops combine services with other organizations such as Corner House, which also caters to teens.

Mr. Goldfarb suggested reallocating some of the $115,000 the Borough gives annually to Corner House to help offset HiTops' financial burden. However, Mayor Joe O'Neill pointed out that Corner House has been a joint agency of the Borough and Township since 1972, whereas HiTops is a private organization.

With no promise of funding from the Borough, HiTops is scheduled to appear before Township Committee with the same proposal.

— Candace Braun

Kindergarten Registration To Take Place in March

Kindergarten registration for Princeton children entering kindergarten in September 2005 is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 9, from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Thursday, March 10, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must reach five years of age on or before September 30, 2005. Parents should register at Community Park, Johnson Park, Littlebrook, or Riverside School, according to their current school-attendance area.

Princeton residency must also be established. Parents/guardians should bring a deed, mortgage, rental or lease agreement, property tax bill or utility bill as documentation of residence.

It is not necessary for parents to bring their children to registration. However, parents should bring the child's birth certificate and medical records, including the most recent physical examination results and updated immunization records. By state law, students must have the following immunizations to be admitted: DPT, four doses; oral polio, three doses; MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) two doses; hepatitis B, three doses; and varivax, one dose, for children born on or after January 1, 1998.

If parents are not fluent in English, they may bring a friend or relative to interpret; Spanish-speaking parents should register at Community Park School or Johnson Park School where an interpreter will be available. Parents/guardians are also encouraged to inform school personnel, during registration, of any condition which may affect educational planning for their child.

Parents should complete the registration process during one of the specified dates and times in March to help school officials organize classes for next year.

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Storm Hits

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accumulating, crews capitalized on the opportunity to adequately salt the roads for the inevitable sub-freezing temperatures that would arrive later Monday night. "It definitely helped us out through the rush hour," Ms. Pellichero said. "We didn't get the big amount of snow until rush hour was pretty much out, which is always a blessing when it comes to the snowstorms." Nevertheless, Princeton Township Police declared a snow emergency around 3:30 p.m. Monday. That declaration prohibits parking on all municipally-owned streets to allow roads to be plowed. The snow emergency was lifted Tuesday at 1:45 p.m., according to Capt. Mark Emann.

The snow did cause it's share of problems, however.

"We had numerous accidents last night going into the rush hour," Capt. Emann said, adding that Monday's storm was not as bad as Thursday's storm. "We got hammered." "Everything from cars coming together to cars going off the road," he said, adding that no serious injuries were reported.

Capt. Emann said the school cancellations couid remove up to 25 percent of local commuter traffic in the morning and played a factor in a relatively calm Tuesday a.m. commute.

—Matthew Hersh

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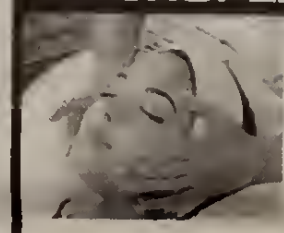

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Fire Wire

The Princeton Fire Department answered 19 calls during the week of February 21 through February 28. There were false or malfunctioning fire alarm systems on Harriet Drive, Prospect Avenue, Ewing Street, the Great Road, Linden Lane, and at Princeton High School.

Downed electrical wires were the cause for numerous calls beginning last Monday at Cherry Valley Road. On Tuesday, February 22, a fallen high tension wire on State Road caused that road to be closed for 1½ hours. A power surge related to that wire caused problems in several area buildings.

Smoke was also reported at a health care facility on Herrontown Road that same day. The cause was determined to be an overheated motor. A smell of electrical burning at another medical building on State Road turned out to be caused by a burned out transformer. A resident on Mount Lucas Road also reported a smoke condition that was attributed to the power surge, although no exact cause was found. All three fire companies had vehicles in operation at these calls.

Later on Tuesday crews from all three companies responded to a reported natural gas leak at a mixed-used building on Spring Street. The cause of the odor was determined to be cleaning supplies.

Early on Wednesday, February 23, crews responded to a Murray Place residence for a reported smell of smoke. No odor was found upon investigation, though the homeowner suggested the smell may have come from use of a new oven.

Later that day an odor of smoke was reported by a Highland Terrace resident. Investigation isolated the smell as coming from a clothes dryer. The homeowner was advised to have the machine serviced.

On the evening of Sunday, February 27, crews responded to a Walker Drive residence for a reported water main break with flooding. First arriving responders determined the cause to be a broken pipe underground. The water was eventually shut off by Elizabethtown Water, but not before a significant amount of water had entered the basement of the home.

The Princeton Fire Department is always looking for more members to join. If interested, call (609) 497-7645, or (609) 731-1314.

RESCUE REPORT

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 51 calls from February 19 through February 25. A total of 27 calls were located in Princeton Township, 19 in Princeton Borough, and five in neighboring municipalities. Included in these numbers were four to Princeton University.

Eleven calls on Saturday, February 19, kept ambulance crews busy. Four were for patients exhibiting respiratory distress. In the early evening, the ambulance was dispatched to Princeton House three times in less than three hours for patients with medical and psychiatric emergencies.

Ambulance crews were busy on Wednesday morning, February 23, with five calls between 5:50 a.m. and 9 a.m. The first three were at Princeton University. On the first, a patient fell from a bunk bed resulting in a fractured forearm. During this call, someone else experienced an allergic reaction. Then, the squad was dispatched for a patient with a knee laceration which resulted from falling on ice. The other two calls within this time span were motor vehicle accidents, one on Quaker Road, and the other on South Harrison Street. Three crews responded.

The start of the afternoon snowstorm on Thursday, February 24, also brought on a busy period of calls, including three car accidents and a fall. The first accident involved a car which hit a pole near the intersection of Ewing Street and Route 206. There were no injuries. The second accident involved a head-on collision on Cherry Valley Road, near Great Road. Both drivers were transported to the hospital for evaluation. The third accident was located on Quaker Road.

On Friday, February 25, the squad responded to the boat launch off Route 27 for an overturned vehicle. The first arriving ambulance found a pickup truck on its side in the parking lot. The driver reported losing control of his vehicle, striking one of the rocks that line the parking lot, which caused his vehicle to tip over. The man suffered minor injuries and climbed out of his truck before the ambulance arrived.

Also on Friday, ambulance crews responded to a call about a contractor with second degree flash burns to his hands. The burns were sustained when the drill the contractor was using contacted live wires located in the wall the man was drilling through. The squad treated the man and transported him to the University Medical Center at Princeton.

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MAILBOX

Community Volunteers Are Recognized For Enhancing Guyot Stream Walkway

To the Editor:

The efforts to improve the public Guyot Stream Walkway between Moore Street, Harris Road, Jefferson Road, Carnahan Place, and Witherspoon Street continued for the ninth year during 2004.

The Township has promised significant enhancements to the walkway in the spring of 2005. These improvements will include new trees and plantings, plus resurfacing of the walkway and enhanced drainage to the area and stream bed. Although the Township Engineering Department has promised to avoid destruction of the plantings resulting from our community effort, no new planting was scheduled in 2004-05 until the area work is completed. Thus, the numerous shrubs and plants, regularly donated to the project by the Obal Garden Center on Alexander Road and the Belle Meade Coop on Township Line Road, were not accepted this past year.

Despite these planned upgrades to the area, the following Princeton residents have provided time, plants, or money in 2004 to make the area more enjoyable for all the community to use: Janet Arrington, Danuta Buzdygan, the Denards, the Kagays, the Lynches, the Moodys, Ted Nessas, P.M. Prendergast, the Weinsteins, an anonymous donor on Jefferson Road, Miki Mendelsohn of Hickory Court, the Gibneys, Jennifer Guy, the Rovira-Rodrigueses of Moore Street, Dennis, Madeline and Nick Stark of Henry Avenue, Robert Burns, Rosalie Green, Peter Lindenfeld, Umberto Perna of Harris Road, Jimmy Mack and Diana Perna of Carnahan Place, Sally Bond of Snowden Lane, Michael Bilginer of Chambers Street, and the Crumillers of Library Place.

We wish to publicly recognize these community members and the Township Engineering Department for their continued help. The community and neighbors will continue to enjoy the area after the promised Township renovations are completed this spring, and as nearly $750 worth of new shrubbery and ground cover to supplement their efforts are planted by the community volunteers.

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Henry Avenue

Fence Needed Between University's Proposed Zoning and Its Contribution

To the Editor:

Let's see if we get the connection: Mr. Martindell's letter (Town Topics, February 23) says the University must pony up to the Borough before it may even show up with its zoning change request. Sounds like good ol' "pay for play!"

He's got the two parts right:

1. Princeton University, like any other applicant, is entitled to a proper hearing and determination on its requested change, based on its compatibility with the zoning plan in relation to the neighboring community.

2. The University has a fair obligation to compensate its host municipalities (Borough and Township) for their costs of services rendered to the institution, whether by voluntary contribution or negotiated settlement.

But these twain are unrelated, and should not meet.

BOB RODGERS
Laurel Road

Borough Resident Tries to Imagine A Repaired, Repaved Jefferson Road

To the Editor:

I had a dream about Jefferson Road.

In my dream the Borough residents of Jefferson Road enveloped our houses, Christo-style, in beautiful billowing fabrics. Gentle pastels, bright pinks, blues and aquamarines. When our installation was complete, people came from all over to drive up and down the street, admiring the sight. And they were furious.

"Your street is in dreadful condition," they said. "How can you stand it?"

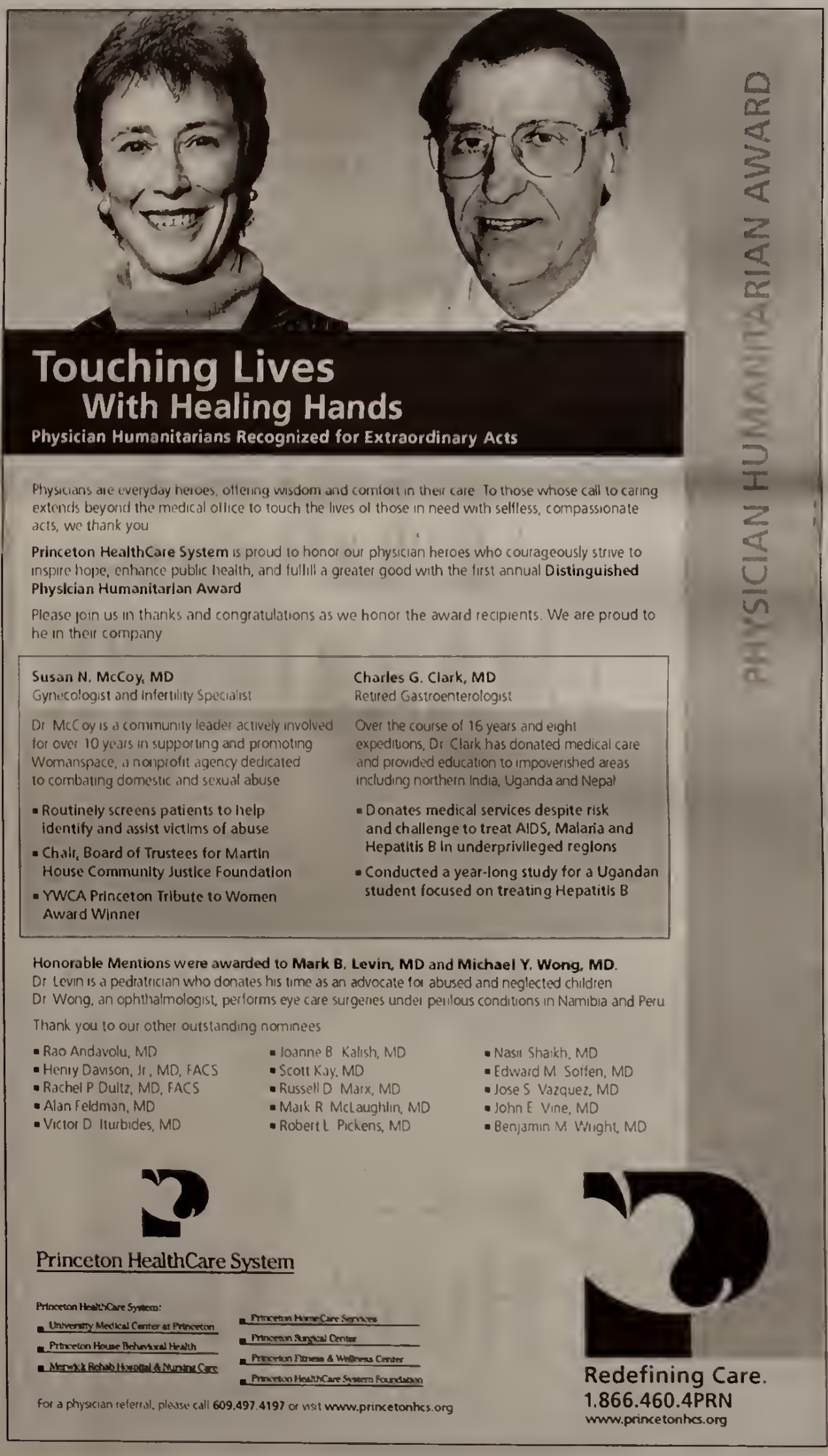
"We're used to it," we replied. "Jefferson Road has been a mess for most of 40 years. The thin repaving in 1980 was seriously damaged eight months later when the cable company laid its cables, and the following winter frosts returned it to a dreadful state."

"You said your installation was free to the public," they cried, "but it's not free. Now we have to buy shock absorbers and pay our chiropractors to fix our backs. It'll cost us. We're going to sue!"

In my dream, we're waiting to hear from their lawyers.

In my waking hours, I dream about the good repaving that the Borough's engineers have dangled before our eyes, these three years. When? When?

TOBIAS D. ROBISON
Jefferson Road



Policies of Fish and Wildlife Division Encourage Deer Population Growth

To the Editor:

While communities are trying to resolve human-deer conflicts, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife is manipulating habitat to increase deer populations.

In New Jersey, habitat development and maintenance to benefit deer are conducted on 117 state-owned Fish and Wildlife management areas totaling over 295,000 acres, in every county. Habitat management is also encouraged on other public and private lands. Limited burning, wood harvest, and planting of various agricultural crops favored by deer increases the deer carrying capacity by increasing the quality and quantity of available food. Additionally, the Division encourages hunters to put out an estimated 2 million pounds of food (bait) annually to lure deer to their deaths.

Of the total acres, the vast majority (185,900) were bought by Green Acres Bonds between 1961 and 2004. Fish and Wildlife acquired 99,150 acres.

Organizations such as New Jersey Conservation Foundation, Natural Resources Council, and the Nature Conservancy partner with Fish and Wildlife in acquiring these lands.

Yes, every time we voted for open space, little did we realize that the money could be used to provide more land for growing more deer, and for hunting. In the Open Space Public Question, the use of the land is disguised with the word "active" recreation.

This came to my attention because now the hunters want the lands opened for Sunday hunting.

LAURA A. GOETZ
Hamilton Township

YMCA Directors Thank William King For His Eight Years of Leadership

To the Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank William F. King III for his leadership of the Princeton Family YMCA. At last week's annual meeting, the Board of Directors accepted Bill's resignation as chairman, a post he has held for the past eight years.

During this time, Mr. King has devoted countless hours inspiring and guiding the organization as it developed a strategic plan; established the South Brunswick Family YMCA; transitioned to a new CEO; quadrupled the funds raised to provide financial aid; worked through the crisis of the loss of United Way funding; enhanced board and staff diversity; strengthened relationships with the YWCA; and established community events such as Healthy Kids Day, Halloween at the YMCA, Swim with Santa, and SPLASH week.

His tenure as board chair has been a time of dedication to the ideal that the YMCA should be a place of peace, understanding, and gathering for our community.

Bill — thank you for making it so.

JOHN M. STAHL
Chairman, Princeton Family YMCA
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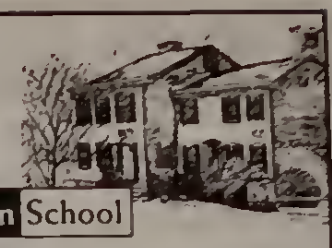

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Dreamin' Mimi Shop in Kingston Specializes in Dolls of All Kinds

Dolls of all sizes, shapes, and styles fill every nook and cranny at Dreamin' Mimi, the new shop at 4577 B Route 27 (Main Street) in Kingston. Owners Cathy and Barry Pavelec have created a special place for doll enthusiasts.

Indeed, Dreamin' Mimi is

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every little girl's — or big girl's — dream.

"We wanted to create a little peaceful haven for people," says Ms. Pavelec. "A reminder for them that there are still nice things and nice places to be."

The desire for this particular store and its warm atmosphere was the result of Ms. Pavelec's experience on September 11, 2001. Employed in the Office of the Secretary of the Port Authority for 21 years, she was in her office on the 67th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center when the attacks occurred.

Ms. Pavelec managed to walk down 67 flights of stairs with a group from her office, and was near the Brooklyn Bridge when the buildings collapsed.

"We got caught in the debris cloud and were covered with ashes and dust," she recalls. "It was like being covered with a layer of talcum powder. You couldn't see anything, and it was as if the cloud was alive. Luckily, we were far enough away from it, and we could walk away."

Ordinary Day

In fact she walked all the way to 93rd Street.

Returning to work in less than a week, she says, "We were all on automatic pilot. It was easier to work than to think. It was, after all, such an ordinary day. Then in the blink of an eye, everything in the world changed.

"A few months after 9/11, when things calmed down, I found I needed something to help me regain my peace."

As a girl, Ms. Pavelec had never been especially fond of dolls, she explains. But, "When I grew up, I found I liked them and also marionettes. Now, after 9/11, I began to collect dolls. The first ones were by Annette Humstedt. They are limited editions and very hard to get."

Her collection expanded, and she began to think about what to do when she retired from the Port Authority.

"My husband said, 'Why not open a doll shop?'"

And last September 18, three years and one week after 9/11, Dreamin' Mimi opened its doors.

The name stems from the nickname her four grandchildren bestowed on her — Mimi. "My husband thought of the name," she explains. "I wanted something with Mimi, and in many ways, with the dolls and this kind of shop, you are appealing to people's 'dream' side."

A complete variety of collectibles, play dolls, and fashion dolls is available, including baby dolls, bride dolls, ballerinas, and rag dolls. Many of the dolls are porcelain or very fine vinyl.

In addition to the highly favored Adora dolls, the very collectible Madame Alexander dolls are offered.

Treat for All

Customers, who are both adults and children ("kids from under five to moms, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers"), seem to like everything, reports Ms. Pavelec.

"Coming into the store can be a treat for everyone, and especially the little ones. Kids often come in, pick something up and walk around with it the whole time they are here. We're a very 'touchable' store.

"Also, I want every little girl who walks in here, no matter what her race or ethnic background, to see a doll that looks like her. We also have boy dolls."

Knowing that she has created a happy place for people is a great source of enjoyment for Ms. Pavelec. "Last Christmas, it got back to us that a couple of our little customers in their letters to Santa said 'We want dolls from Mimi!' That made me so happy.

"Also, I enjoy seeing the kids' faces when they're here. One day, a little 3-year-old girl walked out with a little Adora baby doll. If you could have seen her face! It made my day. She was so happy. Really, what else is there? To have one moment in your life that can make someone that happy."

And it is not just the pint-sized customers who are delighted when they visit Dreamin' Mimi. Adults can experience moments of special magic too.

Fairy Doll

Ms. Pavelec tells of a friend who came into the shop recently. "She had never really been into dolls. But she came in and saw this beautiful fairy doll. She looked at it and looked at it. Then, later, she came back and said, 'I have to have her.'

"It is almost as if you become consumed with it," continues Ms. Pavelec. "You look at the doll and look at it, and it becomes alive. You give it a soul!"

Doll clothes, tea sets, and paper dolls are also on hand, and Ms. Pavelec reports that a big selection of Easter items will be available.

"We will have a lot of Easter outfits for the dolls, including bonnets, and also a lot of stuffed animals, including rabbits, lambs, and ducks."

Stuffed animals are also favorites at the shop, and there are many friendly furry choices. Lots and lots of Gund, including Baby Gund, and also the very appealing Hanson Collection, featuring whimsical kangaroos with baby in pouch, ducks, rabbits, lambs, leopard cubs and beavers — all are irresistible.

"In addition, we are one of the few places to carry the very special line of Boyd's bears, including Bride bears," adds Ms. Pavelec.

DOLLS ON DISPLAY: Cathy Pavelec, owner of Dreamin' Mimi, holds "Lauren", a new Adora doll. "She is the signature Adora doll for 2005," says Ms. Pavelec. "A limited edition, she is a new size at 25 inches tall, and she has a very appealing new face. Adora dolls are very popular, both as play dolls and as collectibles, and now there is a whole new line."

Wonderful Selection

Other Dreamin' Mimi specialties are sterling silver jewelry with teddy bear motif for girls, handmade quilts, and candles. "I also just started carrying fabric bags from Ganz," says Ms. Pavelec. "They're in great spring colors and prints and available in handbags and totes.

"I also have a wonderful selection of special greeting cards that you won't see in other places."

Prices cover a wide range at the shop, with dolls starting at $14.99; some baby dolls at $32, Adora dolls typically at $60, and other collectibles up to $200. Little bears can start under $10.

A Kingston resident, Ms. Pavelec is enthusiastic about her new venture, and looks forward to becoming a fixture in the community.

"I really want Dreamin' Mimi to become a 'destination.' My husband and I are very committed to this community, and we want the shop to be an important part of it, and to help the community enhance the village center, and help Kingston realize its potential."

Moreover, for her personally, she adds that the shop has meant so much. "In an oral history of the survivors of 9/11, I said that one of the things I know is that from September 11 until the day I die, every day is a gift. Dreamin' Mimi is really a joy. It is everything I hoped it would be."

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Award-Winning SMP Video Company Offers Variety of Video Production

It's time-consuming work. Typically, for a piece aired for two minutes on TV, videographer Seth Mellman spends 12 to 15 hours editing, cutting, and refining the project.

At the highest level, the result can be extraordinarily creative, imaginative, and compelling.

An award-winner, Seth Mellman, executive producer/director of SMP Video, loves his work. "I focus on trying to do an individual piece — it's not cookie-cutter work. We have established a reputation for capturing on video the true spirit and essence of the person, company, or event being taped," he explains.

Mr. Mellman founded SMP Video in Princeton in 2001, after a long career as a freelance video producer and an associate director/stage manager for network television in Los Angeles and New York. This followed his earlier career in music — playing drums with a rock band.

Network TV

As a member of the Director's Guild of America, he has continued his work in network TV on such shows as "Good Morning America", "Hollywood Squares", and "MTV Music Awards", among many others. He has worked with such headliners as Tony Bennett, Stevie Wonder, Quincy Jones, and Whoopie Goldberg.

Married to Mara Isaacs, producing director at McCarter Theatre Center, Mr. Mellman moved here in 1999, after deciding to concentrate his career in the east, and in particular, Princeton and central New Jersey.

"My free-lance schedule in Los Angeles had allowed me to make frequent trips to visit my wife in Princeton, while she established herself at McCarter," explains Mr. Mellman. "This sparked our soon-to-be love affair with the Princeton community."

His earlier experience as a free-lance video producer stimulated his interest for more work in this field, and he realized it would become his focus.

Also, he points out, "Right around 2000, as the technology began to change, cameras, editing equipment, and audio became less expensive and more accessible. Basically, it was really the digital technology that made this happen."

His first project in 2001, "Find My Way Home" follows the work of Mercer County's family/housing assistance organization, HomeFront and some of the individuals it supports. The 5-minute film chronicles the plight of the homeless through intense, emotional interviews.

Grand Prize

Mr. Mellman was off to a good start indeed. In a national contest, sponsored by Videomaker Magazine and electronics giant Panasonic, he was awarded the Grand Prize for short subjects. According to Videomaker: "Our Grand Prize-winning video can be summed up in one word: compelling."

Expanding his field of operations, Mr. Mellman now produces programs for corporate training and promotion, TV commercials, documentaries, and special family and business events. Area clients include McCarter Theatre Center, Girl Scouts of Delaware-Raritan, Inc., and Urbahn Architectural Associates, Inc.

Mr. Mellman points out that whatever the project, he is very focused on the individual story to be told.

"What separates our work from other production companies is our 'up-close' documentary shooting style, combined with the time we invest in editing," he explains. "All of our pieces, whether it's a young couple's wedding or a story about the homeless, are edited with the intent of telling the complete story in a well-paced and timely manner.

"Because we are good storytellers, if it's a documentary style, for example, we can piece it together into a good story. Through editing, you can make a lot of magic. Also, because of my background, including as a musician, we bring some different skills.

"Our pieces are musical," he continues. "The flow of the video has more of a rhythmic sense. There's a feel, a flow. Choosing the right music throughout the project is so important. One of the most overlooked things in videography is music."

Mr. Mellman is especially interested in the creative aspects of whatever project he takes on, noting, "I do enjoy work that can be a bit more creative. With commercials, you can really be creative. We did a commercial spot for QualCare, Inc. which was a great creative challenge."

An upcoming piece for McCarter Theatre Center's 75th anniversary is another project that has stimulated his interest.

"This will play on April 16 at McCarter, and we have interviewed chief figures in McCarter's history, including the artistic directors, choreographers, actors, architects, set designers, etc."

Mr. Mellman also has regular assignments from the Girl Scouts of Delaware-Raritan, and is busy with weddings and numerous other family events.

Family History

"The fun thing about weddings and other important family events is that you really get involved with the people, and I do enjoy happy customers! Seeing clients completely satisfied is always my goal.

"Also," he reports, "when you are doing family events, you are creating memories; it's family history; it's unique. it's like looking at photos, but better."

Not everyone is comfortable in front of the camera, he adds, and Mr. Mellman does his best to help shy subjects relax. "If they are not used to being on TV, we try to get them to feel at ease. Actually it helps to be a diplomat. The challenge is getting them to trust you."

He puts all his skills as a TV director/stage manager to good use here, he adds. Having worked with such a variety of subjects, from stars to kids and animals, he is able to establish the appropriate atmosphere.

"I also taught elementary school early in my career," he says, with a smile. "You learn to deal with different people doing that. And I taught videography at PDS last year, which I enjoyed."

Mr. Mellman is pleased that SMP Video's client base continues to expand, and he looks forward to seeing it grow even more.

"There are lots of companies in Princeton, as well as Princeton University, and many other schools and institutions. We do full DVD production now, and I hope that if you need video production in the Princeton or Trenton area, SMP Video will be the first name that pops into your head.

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—Jean Stratton

VIDEO VISIONS: "I do a real mix with the videos — special events, corporate, documentary, and photomontage," says award-winning videographer Seth Mellman, executive producer/director of SMP Video. "I try to take projects I am well-quipped to do and that I am interested in. It is basically a wide range."

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BOOK REVIEW

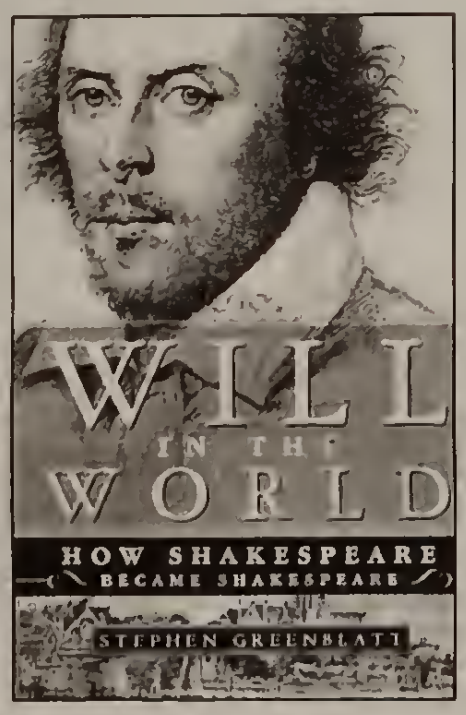
Shakespeare's Universe: Will and His World

Leaving behind his wife and children, a young actor and playwright comes to the big city. Every day, as he crosses London Bridge on his way to the playhouse, he sees severed heads of Catholic martyrs on pikes looking down at him, followers of the religion his family secretly espoused. His plays are acted in what preachers and other defenders of Elizabethan moral values denounce as "a temple to devilish pagan deities," where playgoers learn to deceive their mates, murder, disobey, blaspheme, and sing "filthy songs of love," where the Word of God is mocked and piety held up to ridicule, where respectable matrons are lured to their downfall, men are tempted by seductive boy actors playing women, and authority figures are mercilessly burlesqued. Luckily for us, and for William Shakespeare, public theaters, actors and playwrights were under the protection of powerful aristocrats and the Queen herself.

Flash forward from the 1590s to 2005, and the temple of sin is everywhere the media goes; the entertainment is far more licentious than anything the Elizabethans ever dreamed of; and while the playwright-hacks of tabloid culture are busy feeding the public's appetite for pedophile priests and rock stars, murdered wives and babies, "fair and balanced news," and dehumanizing reality shows, the defenders of American moral values are busy denouncing the exposure of a woman's nipple and suppressing a children's television show in which an animated bunny named Buster visits a family where both parents are female.

How miraculous, then, that at a time when bad taste sells and morality's gone south, an immaculately learned book about Shakespeare makes the best-seller list.

The book, of course, is Stephen Greenblatt's *Will in the World* (Norton $26.95), and already it's been denounced by authority figures defending the religion called Shakespeare Studies in terms contrived to make it sound as shallow as any other product being hyped in today's media sideshow. In a review in the Independent subheaded "The Chat Show Bard," Colin MacCabe claims that this is "the Shakespeare of a celebrity booker for the Oprah Winfrey show," while Colin Burrow in the London Review of Books, tells us "it does not take long for the suspicion to dawn that *Will in the World* is the literary-biographical equivalent of Coca-Cola. The sweetness gets too much after more than a couple of swigs, and after a while it starts to produce a build-up of gas which eventually squirts right up your nose." Those dumbed-down analogies tell you all you need to know about the taste and intelligence of those two reviewers. There is also more than a hint of sour grapes money-envy in the Burrows review, which is headed "Who Wouldn't Buy It?" and which makes its point by doing some fancy footwork online to tell us that Greenblatt's biography is "ranked 271 in Amazon's U.K. sales list (41 in the U.S.), while the Arden edition of King Lear is ranked 13,791 (309,493 in the U.S.)." From this the reviewer cleverly deduces that people are more likely to buy books about Shakespeare than they are to buy books by Shakespeare. Considering that British and American households with a one-volume Complete Works within reach are probably in the millions, it doesn't take a genius to figure out why a scholarly edition of a single play ranks in the low 300-thousands.



After some token praise, Jonathan Bate, writing in the Daily Telegraph, spends the last three paragraphs of his review quibbling about porcupines and hedgehogs. If you want dramatic evidence of how petty and specious this quibble is, read Greenblatt's chapter on Hamlet, which all by itself is good enough to redeem the book — if the book needed redeeming.

Why are the British so sneeringly protective of the Bard? You might blame it on Anglo-American rivalry, but if this were so, what made them choose a Yank named Gary Taylor to co-edit a new edition of the Oxford Shakespeare when the same Gary Taylor's claim to fame was the discovery of a lost poem by the Bard that most reasonably perceptive students of Shakespeare knew after one reading could never have been written by him. The same Gary Taylor has done a reverse Marc Antony in the Guardian by burying *Will in the World* while seeming to praise it. Like his British counterparts, his way of knocking the book is to devalue it with lightweight analogies. Greenblatt's Shakespeare is a "rags to aesthetic riches" variation on "Horatio Alger and innumerable American politicians" where every chapter "plops dollops of hyperbole on Our Hero." How about that for asinine assonance? It's easy to see why the author of such tone-deaf prose would think an anonymous poem that begins "Shall I die? Shall I fly?" was written by the same poet who wrote *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and the sonnets.

The mission of any true believer in the literary divinity of Shakespeare should be to awaken the unenlightened to his greatness — a potentially life-changing event that is too often spoiled or impeded by the Classic Works of Literature bureaucracy of boring teachers, pretentious or boneheaded productions of the plays, and the Lit Crit Book Chat miasma exuded by reviewers such as those mentioned here. True lovers of Shakespeare should celebrate the commercial success of a book that treats the man and his work with intelligence and respect and does so readably enough to attract a large audience. There's always the chance that a book like Greenblatt's might also inspire people to read or reread the plays and perhaps even help them to comprehend the miraculous scope and depth and complexity of the myriad uncannily rhyming, resonant elements composing the universe Shakespeare created. However many inspired teachers and interpreters of the work may be out there making the truth known, my guess is that most people still discover on their own, with no prompting, that Shakespeare's supremacy has not been in the least exaggerated.

Rachel Donadio's recent essay in the New York Times Book Review titled "Who Owns Shakespeare?" mentions *Will in the World*'s appearance on the Times best-seller list and goes on to say "whether it belongs on the nonfiction list, where it was, or the fiction one, is a matter of some debate." No one who reads Greenblatt's carefully researched, reasoned, and structured meditation, with its use of material evidence in a fine balance with passages and concepts from the works themselves, will think the book has been misclassified. As to who owns Shakespeare, it's like asking who owns literature or music or weather or the Himalayas. Every year would-be interpreters and commentators, celebrants and pedants, set out to ascend Mt. Shakespeare. There's room for everyone up there, the brilliant and the banal, and as noted in Ms. Donadio's essay, at least four more biographical studies are due out in 2005 and 2006. As for mountains, you could make an impressive model of one from all the books and articles that have been written about Will and his world.

Greenblatt's subtitle, *How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare*, signals that this is not going to be a conventional biography. He is interested in biographical suppositions only as they affect and are affected by the writings. Although *Will in the World* should of course be read chronologically, if you want to appreciate the author's intentions and his achievement, you should look first at the *Hamlet* chapter, "Speaking with the Dead," and then go back to the beginning. A majority of reviewers have chided Greenblatt for having so little to say about the great works that follow Hamlet. If this were a true critical biography, that would be a legitimate complaint, since we would expect numerous additional pages on, at the least, *Othello*, *Macbeth*, *King Lear*, and *The Tempest*. While Greenblatt does offer two concluding chapters that pay special attention to *Macbeth* and *The Tempest*, there is an atmosphere of anticlimax about them — not surprisingly, since the last one involves Shakespeare's retirement to Stratford and death, and, most of all, since both chapters follow the excitement the author brings to "Speaking with the Dead"; if this were a work of fiction, the *Hamlet* chapter would be the denouement. Since it is not a novel, however, I won't be giving the plot away to say that Greenblatt justifies the book's careful delineation of the clandestine Catholicism of Shakespeare's family by making it understood in this climactic passage:

"The Reformation was in effect offering him an extraordinary gift — the broken fragments of what had been a rich, complex edifice — and he knew exactly how to accept and use this gift ... Shakespeare drew upon the pity, confusion, and dread of death in a world of damaged rituals (the world in which most of us continue to live) because he himself experienced those same emotions at the core of his being. He experienced them in 1596 at the funeral of his child, and he experienced them with redoubled force in anticipation of his father's death. He responded not with prayers but with the deepest expression of his being: *Hamlet*."

As his reference to "the world in which most of us continue to live" suggests, Stephen Greenblatt has responded with the deepest expression of his being: *Will in the World*.

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BOOKS

Upcoming Events At the U-Store

Einstein Author to Speak

John S. Rigden, author of *Einstein 1905: The Standard of Greatness*, will appear at the Princeton U-Store on Monday, March 7, at 7 p.m. Mr. Rigden's appearance is part of a year-long series of author events celebrating Einstein's 1905 papers and the World Year of Physics.

One-hundred years after Einstein's prodigious accomplishment, *Einstein 1905: The Standard of Greatness* (Harvard University Press), invites us to learn about ideas that have influenced our lives in almost inconceivable ways and to appreciate their author's status as the standard of greatness in twentieth-century science.

Mr. Rigden is Adjunct Professor of Physics at Washington University and the author of two books, *Robi: Scientist and Citizen*, and *Hydrogen: The Essential Element*, named one of the top 20 science books of 2002 by Discover Magazine.

"The Professor's Daughter"

Emily Raboteau, author of *The Professor's Daughter*, will appear at the Princeton U-Store on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m.

The Professor's Daughter is Push-Cart prize winner Emily Raboteau's first novel. In exhilarating, magical prose, the professor's daughter herself traces the borderlands of race and family. This debut marks the arrival of an original voice that surges with energy and purpose.

The novel, which is set partly in Princeton, references The Princeton Packet, the deer hunters, and has some familiar Princeton characters including a Professor Lester, who always wore a three-piece suit, drove a Cadillac, and "made several TV talk show appearances a year as one of a handful of recognized spokesmen for Black America."

The author dedicated her book to her father Albert J. Raboteau II, the Henry W. Putnam Professor of Religion at Princeton University.

Ms. Raboteau holds an M.F.A in creative writing from New York University, where she was a New York Times Fellow. She is the recipient of a Pushcart Prize, the Chicago Tribune's Nelson Algren Award for Short Fiction, and a New York Foundation of the Arts Fellowship. Her stories have been published in Tin House, The Missouri Review, and The Best American Short Stories 2003.

Ms. Raboteau lives in Brooklyn and teaches creative writing at the City College of New York.

The authors will be at the Princeton University Store, located at 36 University Place, just off Nassau Street in Princeton. The talks will take place in the third-floor events area. There is free parking directly across the street.

For more information, call (609) 921-8500, ext. 238, or visit the U-Store website at www.pustore.com

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Professor to Speak On Book, 'Satyr Square'

Leonard Barkan, a professor of comparative literature at Princeton University, will speak at Dorothea's House on Sunday, March 6, at 5 p.m., on his book, *Satyr Square*, an account of art, literature, food, wine, and Italy.

Satyr Square, slated to be published by Farrar Straus, is part memoir, part cultural travelogue, part diary of secrets. The narrator, a professor of literature and art history, arrives in Rome on sabbatical without any acquaintances and only rudimentary Italian. But he eventually becomes bilingual, bicultural, and falls in love before losing love, finding friendship, his voice as a writer, and returning to the U.S.

The book touches on topics ranging from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, to Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*, from the Sistine Chapel to the mud baths at Saturnia, from Gramsci to gorgonzola.

Mr. Barkan, who is also director of the Society of Fellows in Liberal Arts at Princeton, also worked as a professor of art history and of English at Northwestern, Michigan, and New York Universities. He has also been an actor and a director, and is a regular contributor to publications in the U.S. and Italy on the subjects of food and wine.

The program at Dorothea's House, located at 120 John Street, is free to the community. The public is invited to bring a refreshment to share in the reception following the program.

THE ESSENCE OF BOOK WRITING: Pete Hautman, author of *Godless*, spoke at the Princeton Public Library on Thursday, February 24, to a small crowd that turned out despite the snowy conditions. Mr. Hautman was one of four winners for the 2004 National Book Awards, in the category of Young People's Literature. Other winners included Kevin Boyle, Lily Tuck, and Jean Valentine.

Christine Todd Whitman To Read From New Book

Barnes & Noble, Princeton will host a lecture and book-signing for Christine Todd Whitman on Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. Former Gov. Whitman will read from her new book, *It's My Party Too: The Battle for the Heart of the GOP and the Future of America*, which was published in January.

Ms. Whitman is a lifelong and loyal Republican and a leader of the party's moderate wing. She takes her readers inside the tumultuous world of politics today and describes her Insider's view of the White House under the Bush administration.

She served in the Bush cabinet as EPA administrator from January 2001 to May 2003. Prior to that she was the first woman elected governor of New Jersey, serving two terms, from 1993 to 2000.

Seating for the event is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no reservations, so arrive early. Barnes & Noble, Princeton is located inside the MarketFair mall, on Route 1 south. For more infonnation, call (609) 716-1570.

Library to Host Teen Music Event

Princeton-area teens who want to have fun in an environment that emphasizes unity will want to be at Princeton Public Library on Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m., when the library and Corner House present "Friday Night Live." The event is free and open to all high school students.

The fun-filled evening will feature performances by a cappella groups from Princeton High School and Princeton Day School (Around 8, Cats Meow and the Testostertones) and the band Vintage Seltzer, whose members attend the Hun School. D.J. the DJ will provide additional music. The students will set the room up In a café-style, and refreshments will be provided.

Friday Night Live is a joint effort of the library and Corner House Student Board, the members of which wanted to create a substance-free environment where Princeton teens could promote unity between area schools.

"We've been interested in doing a program together for some time," said Teen Services Librarian Susan Conlon. "The students from Corner House have brought a lot of creative energy to planning this program."

Corner House Board member Sasha Jean, a PHS senior, said organizers "are all looking forward to hosting a night where high school students from everywhere in Princeton hang out and have fun together."

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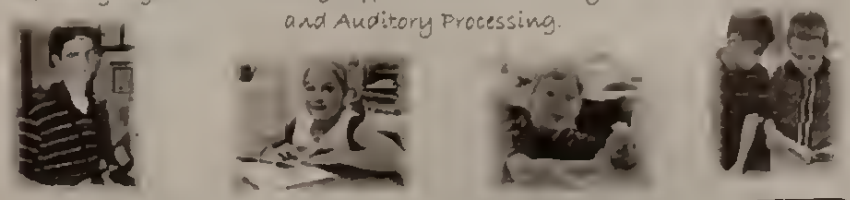
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"POISED": This Beatrico Bork watercolor is part of a new three-artist display at the Hopewell Frame Shop in Hopewell that will show through April 2. In addition to her watercolors, the exhibit also features the watercolors of Gail Bracegirdle and the oil paintings of Janet Purcell.

ART

Students' Creativity Defies Dyslexia in Arts Council Exhibit

A new exhibit at the WPA Gallery at the Arts Council of Princeton gives viewers a look at artwork created by dyslexic students from the Lewis School.

The significance of "Revelations: The Creative Mind of Dyslexia Revealed through Art" is that dyslexic students may have trouble reading and writing but they are very visual, seeing every detail, and process information through vision.

"We pay great attention to our students' need to comprehend the external world through art. The students do not express themselves very well verbally, but art allows them to organize their thoughts, convey frustration, and express their emotions," according to Anna Nascalov, one of the art teachers at the Lewis School.

The multi-sensory art program at the Lewis School is designed to teach art production while simultaneously integrating academic disciplines. The students learn organizational and creative skills and the elements and principles of design, while also studying art history. The other art teachers are Andrea Greenberg and Dina Piccerno, and the students range from grades K through 12.

"Revelations" will be on display through March 3. The Arts Council is located in the Paul Robeson Building on the corner of Paul Robeson Place and Witherspoon Street in Princeton. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Do not park along the residential streets of the John-Witherspoon neighborhood since there is parking is available in the nearby Spring Street and Palmer Square parking decks. For more information, call (609) 924-8777 or visit http://www. artscouncil ofprinceton.org.

STUDENT CREATIVITY: "Revelations: The Creative Mind of Dyslexia Revealed through Art" at the WPA Gallery at the Arts Council of Princeton gives viewers a look at artwork created by dyslexic students from the Lewis School, including this piece by Charo Leyton.

Wildlife Art, Watercolors In Three-Person Art Show

Paintings by watercolor artist Gail Bracegirdle, wildlife artist Beatrice Bork, and oil painter Janet Purcell, will be on display at the Hopewell Frame Shop through April 2.

Bracegirdle is a representational artist who has said that her watercolors are filled with light, color, texture, and pattern. "I prefer to work from life or from sketches made on location in order to observe and capture the effects of direct and reflected light and shadow on the subject.

"My goal is to capture the illusion of movement and sound," she added.

Bracegirdle is a faculty member of Artworks Visual Arts School in Trenton, and Triangle Art in Lawrenceville. She has also held summer workshops at the Ocean City Arts School and "plein air" workshops in Beaufort South Carolina and Chimayo, New Mexico. She is also a member of the Philadelphia Water Color Society and her paintings have won awards in various juried shows throughout the region.

Exhibiting her passion to paint on themes related to animals, wildlife, and the environment, Beatrice Bork has been sought after by several wildlife publications and received the Best in Show Award at the Art Center of Northern New Jersey's 12th annual national juried show and first- and second-place honors from the Tewksbury Historical Society juried show in 2003. More recently, Bork won first place watercolor at the Somerset Environmental Education Center Wildlife Art Show.

Janet Purcell said she often goes to Cape Cod to find inspiration for her works. In her portion of the Hopewell exhibit, on display will be her depictions of waters, marshes, beaches and clam beds of the Cape. Keeping in tune with her nautical theme, she will also display some of her works illustrating scenes from the Jersey shore and the Maine coastline.

Purcell will also display her portraits of flowers "blooming freely in the sunlight," said Abby Frantz, gallery owner.

"Jan feels that her subject matter is mood translated by light and color. There is a very spiritual quality to Purcell's work that one doesn't see expressed often in oil paints," she added.

The Hopewell Frame Shop is located at 24 West Broad Street in Hopewell. Shop hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (609) 466-0817.

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"AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE": An exhibit that includes the paintings of Carmen Cartiness Johnson, above, and the work of area photographer Robert Lach is currently on display at Gallery 125 at 125 South Warren Street in Trenton. The show will be up through April 1. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information visit http://www.gallery125.com or call (609) 989-9119.

Art Talks Set to Begin At Trenton's Gallery 125

Gallery 125, at 125 South Warren Street in Trenton, will host a series of weekly art talks on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1 p.m. through March. The talks will focus on different aspects of the gallery's current exhibit, "Cabin Fever", which opened on February 11 and will run through April 1.

"Cabin Fever" showcases the work of 29 artists from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. Reflecting the diversity and talent of the region's art scene, the show is composed of works in a variety of media from established and emerging artists alike.

Artists whose works are featured in "Cabin Fever" and who have previously exhibited at Gallery 125 exhibits include painter/sculptor Jesse Thompson of Trenton, photographer Terry Pfoutz of Trenton, Kristin Bodine of Morrisville, Pa., sculptor Charles Katzenbach of Hopewell, and painter Carmen Johnson of Bordentown. Newcomers include sculptors Rory Mahon and Constantin Nazarie, who were previously affiliated with the Johnson Atelier, photographer Robert Lach of Orange, N.J., photographer Sean Dembrosky of Morrisville, and sculptor Clifford Ward of Philadelphia.

Schedule of Talks

March 2: The Vocabulary of Art: Art is a communication, but sometimes describing it can leave you at a loss for words.; March 9: Photographers :Discussion of the photographers in Cabin Fever, with a focus on their styles and processes.; March 16: Realism to Abstraction: From photographic realism to pure abstraction, the Cabin Fever show encompasses both ends of the spectrum.; March 23: The Figure: A discussion of mood and narrative in the figurative works; March 30: Color. The primary impulse and the muted palette, the impact of color in art.

Discussions will be led by Amy Brummer, a staff member of the Trenton Downtown Association, the non-profit organization that runs Gallery 125. Brummer holds a bachelor's in art history from Colgate University and has completed graduate level coursework at the Folk Art Institute, a division of the American Folk Art Museum in Manhattan. Brummer was previously a staff writer covering Bucks County for the Princeton Packet's Time Off arts and entertainment section. All talks are free and open to the public.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 989-9119 or visit http://www.gallery125.com.

"ABSOLUTELY SWEET MARIE": The work of artist Alan Goldstein is on display in a new retrospective that examines the last 34 years of his career. "Another Look: 1970-2004" at the Riverrun Gallery at 287 South Main Street in Lambertville represents the artist's "metaphors for feelings, ideas, and events," said Goldstein. There will be an opening reception on March 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. and the show will run through April 11. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed Tuesdays. For more information, call (609) 397-3349.

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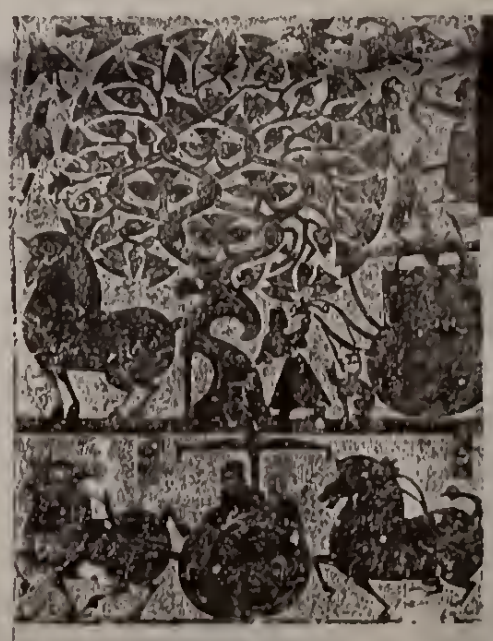

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CHILDREN'S TALK
"George Washington in Princeton"
Faculty Room, Nassau Hall
Sally Sword, museum docent
March 5, 11:00 a.m.

ART FOR KIDS
Hands-on art projects inspired by the museum's collection for children ages 5 to 9.
March 5, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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March 5, 1:00 p.m.

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Above: detail of Stone Chamber 1, Stone 1:S.6. "Wu family shrines" rubbings. Princeton University Art Museum (2002-307-9).

Medical Center Gears Up For 3rd ArtFirst! Exhibit

The Auxiliary of the University Medical Center at Princeton is getting ready to hold its third annual ArtFirst!, an international exhibition and sale of art and crafts by artists with disabilities.

Like last year, the main floor public corridors of the hospital will be adorned with 275 works created by 78 artists, including 28 new exhibitors. The Auxiliary will celebrate the opening of the show and sale on March 6 from 2 to S p.m. with a Patrons' Preview party. All art is for sale, and 80 percent of the purchase price goes to the artists. Returning to the Patrons' Preview party is a fashion boutique featuring new knitwear by fiber artist Sandy D'Andrade.

ArtFirst! co-chairs Cynthia Shull and Cindy Torruellas promise a delightful afternoon of exquisite art, sumptuous food and more. Shull, well-known for her years of June Fete involvement, looks forward to showcasing more than 275 works. "We have some exciting new artists and mediums this year," she notes. "There will be beautiful handcrafted baskets, amazing pencil sketches, and even scrimshaw. ArtFirst! is also introducing a community outreach component," says Shull.

"ArtFirst! touches something in me," Torruella added. "When people see such a remarkable body of work and then read the artists' bios, they are both stunned and humbled."

Featured on this year's ArtFirst! invitation is the dramatic work of Raymond Hu. Despite having Down syndrome, poor vision and fine motor skills difficulties, the artist is passionate about creating his paintings and teaching art to children. A consistent prize-winner, he received a Best of Show award last year as well as first prize in the watercolor and pastel category. Hu captures the soulful eyes and emotions of animals with bold colors and sweeping brush strokes. "The eyes are so haunting, so expressive," remarks Shull, recalling the first time she saw Hu's paintings. "I'm an animal lover and his images speak to me."

Edward Matthews, who is vice chairman of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Health Care System, and his photographer wife Marie, are the honorary ArtFirst! chairs this year. Long-time Princeton residents and patrons of the arts, the couple anticipate a successful exhibition. They are proud to be associated with ArtFirst! and appreciate its dual support of artists with disabilities and health care. Funds raised during the exhibition will support the establishment of University Medical Center's Breast Health Center. Earlier this year, an ArtFirst! check for $55,000 was presented to support the Breast Health Center. Additional gifts were given specifically to help establish the ArtFirst! permanent collection, which has 41 pieces.

The exhibition is free and open to the public from March 7 through April 1S. For more information or to request an invitation to the Patrons' Preview party, call (609) 497-4211.

"FISHING FLEET": This watercolor by Long Branch artist Thomas Wilczewski will be included in ArtFirst!, an international exhibition and sale of art and crafts by artists with disabilities at the University Medical Center at Princeton. Presented by the Auxiliary of the UMCP the show, now in its third year, will feature more than 278 works by 78 artists, 28 of whom are new to the show.

Hunterdon Museum of Art To Open Two New Exhibits

On Sunday, March 20 from 2 to 4 p.m., the Hunterdon Museum of Art in Clinton will host an opening reception for two new exhibitions; "Almost Human: Dolls and Robots in Contemporary Art" and "Steve Gwon. 365: A Drawing Installation." A performance will also take place at 1 p.m. by artists Eva Sutton and Sarah Hart in a program entitled "Chance Transmission: An I-Ching Reading with Two Small Robots."

"Almost Human" explores how contemporary artists sift through the everyday details of contemporary life and bring their focus to bear on larger issues. "Representations of the human or the almost human are powerful indicators of how societies respond to the very definitions of humanity," according to gallery organizers.

The artists in this exhibition share an interest in dolls and robots as signs and symbols of our culture and our relationships. Not only do they confront the commodification of desire that our fascination and attachment to objects in our own images imply, they also explore the boundaries between human beings and the things that we create to function as toys, machines, and stand-ins for the human. The artists in the exhibition include Keary Rosen, Sherri Wood, (sculpture), Dot Paolo, Sid Ceaser, Donna Bassin (photography) Rene Lynch (painting), Barbara Madsen (printmaking), Anne McKeown (site specific installation) and Eva Sutton and Sarah Hart (performance). Due to a generous grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, an interpretive catalogue will be for sale.

"Steve Gwon. 36S: A Drawing Installation" will also open on Sunday, March 20. Gwon has recently returned to making drawings "to find a peaceful respite from the bombardment of current events," he said. Through a conceptual process that incorporates numbers that are used to measure time and space, the color progression of the spectrum, research gleaned from the New York Times, and hand-drawn lines on paper, the artist transforms the ineffable nature of time into a visual document. This installation of 365 drawings represents the space of one complete year.

Gallery and shop hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to S p.m. For more information or to register for a class, contact the Museum at (908) 735-8415.

THE TATOO MAN: Beginning this Saturday, March S, the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park in Trenton will host "The Classics Return" featuring the works of three painters — Delores D'Achille, above, David Rivera, and Salomon Kadoche — and one sculptor — James Gafgen. There will be an opening reception on March 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the gallery. The show will run through April 24. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 989-3632.

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Wednesday, March 2

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4:30 p.m.: Screening of *Symbiopsychotoxiplosm, Take 2* with filmmaker William Greaves; James Stewart Theater.

7 p.m.: Adult Film Series, *Beyond the Mocho Myth*; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Peddie School Winter Concert; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

8 p.m.: Aspen Santa Fe Ballet; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *Rent*; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Thursday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Lend Me o Tenor*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 3

10 a.m.: *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Friday at 10 a.m., Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Noon to 6 p.m.: Blood Drive; Princeton Day School Gymateria. For information or appointment, call (609) 924-6700, ext. 232.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Princeton Regional Schools Board Meeting: *Rescheduled to March 8.*

8 p.m.: Westminster Opera Theatre, *Béatrice and Bénédict*; The Playhouse, Westminster Choir College. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Swimming Upstream*; Wilson Black Box Theater, Wilcox College, Princeton University. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Guitarist Andrew McKenna; Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall. Free.

Friday, March 4

5:30 p.m.: CancerCare of New Jersey Benefit, *An Evening of McCorter Theatre*, with The Los Angeles Guitar Quartet; McCarter Theatre.

7 p.m.: PHS Studio Band Community Dance; Princeton High School Cafeteria.

7 p.m.: *Friday Night Live*, featuring a capella groups from Princeton High School and Princeton Day School; Princeton Public Library. Free.

7:30 p.m.: *Mome*; Cor Unum, Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. Also Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: The Los Angeles Guitar Quartet; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Jazz Pianist Cesar Camargo Mariano and Guitarist Romero Lubambo; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

8 p.m.: *Little by Little*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Incorruptible*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Trinity Irish Dance Company; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 5

2 p.m.: Drum Workshop with African drummer and storyteller Mwt Shekemet; Arts Council of Princeton.

2 and 4 p.m.: *Amelio Bedelio Goes Comping & Other Stories*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

6 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet/Princeton Ballet School Gala; Hyatt New Brunswick Hotel.

8 p.m.: *Ghandhorvo in Concert*; Princeton Center for Yoga & Health.

8 p.m.: Count Basie Orchestra; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Tango Pasión; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Sunday, March 6

2 p.m.: National Black Light Theatre of Prague; McCarter Theatre.

2 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Composers Ensemble at Princeton; Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street.

2 p.m.: New Jersey Saxophone Quartet; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

3 p.m.: Recital, with Soprano Nancy Froysland Hoerl; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

3 p.m.: Voices Chorale, Handel's oratorio *Saul*; Pennington Presbyterian Church.

3 p.m.: *Rider Donces*; Yvonne Theater, Rider University, Lawrenceville.

3 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Faculty Recital; Gill Chapel, Rider University, Lawrenceville.

4 p.m.: Concert, *Mr. Handel and his Musicol Friends*, with Practitioners of Musick; Calvary Baptist Church, Hopewell.

4 p.m.: Recital with pianist Tomoko Kanamaru; Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike (Route 1), Lawrenceville.

Monday, March 7
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7 p.m.: Township Committee; Township Municipal Complex.

Tuesday, March 8

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

8 p.m.: Princeton Regional Schools Board Meeting; John Witherspoon Middle School.

8 p.m.: Composers Ensemble at Princeton; Richardson Auditorium.

Wednesday, March 9

12:30 to 1 p.m.: Free "After Noon" Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

5 p.m.: *Tribute to Women 2005*; Hyatt Regency Princeton.

7:30 p.m.: Site Plan Review Advisory Board; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Jazz Vespers Ensemble; Princeton University Chapel.

8 p.m.: Sones de México folk group; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Thursday, March 10

7 and 9:30 p.m.: John Pizzarelli; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Pianist Ivan Moravec; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Tower of Power and Average White Band; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: *Swimming Upstream*; Wilson Black Box Theater, Wilcox College, Princeton University. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m.

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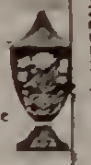

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Wednesday, Merch 2:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:00 a.m. The Politics of Oil; Boro Hall (West Conf. Rm).
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Great Decisions 2005; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, Merch 3:
9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:00 a.m. Shakespeare Off the Page; PCV
10:00 e.m. Composers at Work in Their Later Years; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC.
1:00 p.m. Art; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Science Tuesday on Thursday; SPB
3:00 p.m. Pilates; SPB.

Friday, March 4:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
9:30 a.m. Free Tax Assistance; SPB.
10:00 a.m. Ancient Art in the Americas and the Old World; Call for location.
10:30 a.m. Art; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.

Monday, March 7:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ballroom Dancing; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
12:30 p.m. Free Tax Assistance; SC & SPB.
1:00 p.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.
7:30 p.m. Long Term Care Planning with guest speaker Nancy Morith; SPB.

Tuesday, March 8:
10:00 a.m. The Scarlet Letter & Madam Bovary; SPB.
11:15 a.m. Chair Yoga; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Literature w/George Ingenbrandt; SC.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Ulysses II; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, March 9:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:00 a.m. The Politics of Oil; Boro Hell (West Conf. Rm).
10:30 e.m. Let's Telk; RC.
12:00 p.m. Movie and Lunch; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Great Decisions 2005; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
2:30 p.m. Travel Club meeting, SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

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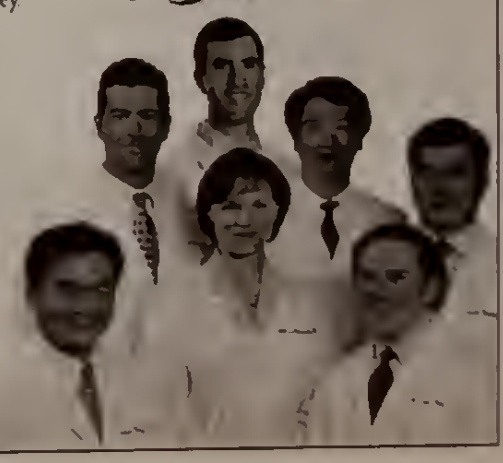

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The world premiere of a new work for chorus and orchestra will be performed by the Greater Princeton Youth Chamber Orchestra and the Diocese of Metuchen Chamber Choir at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Skillman, on Saturday, March 19 at 8 p.m. The concert, directed by Maestro Fernando Raucci, will be free.

The new work, titled *Meditation on the Passion of Christ*, was written by composer Tim Keyes of Skillman. It incorporates Latin texts from the Catholic Requiem Mass as well as other scriptural passages related to the Passion of Christ. The five-movement work is scored for two flutes, two French horns, one trumpet, three percussionists, harp, strings, vocal chorus, and soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone soloists.

Mr. Keyes is a 1984 graduate in music composition and music theory from Notre Dame University. He subsequently received a scholarship to the Aspen Music Festival, where he studied composition, conducting, and performance with Charles Jones, Leonard Bernstein, and Andre Watts. His albums include *Worlds Apart*, *On the Radio*, and *Sketchbook*. As a church musician and choral director, he has composed a number of sacred music works, including *Resurrexi*, *In Psalmis Davidis*, *Notivitos*, and *Crucifixus*. In 2003, his Concert of Remembrance premiered to critical acclaim at St. Charles Borromeo Church, where he serves as Director of Music and Liturgy.

The Chamber Choir of the Diocese of Metuchen is directed by Eliza Edwards and comprises professional singers and church musicians from central New Jersey.

Other works on the program will be R. V. Williams *The Lark Ascending*, Bach's *Concerto for Piano, No. 4*, Mozart's *Ave Verum*, and Handel's *Worthy is the Lamb*.

The St. Charles Borromeo Church is located at 376 Burnt Hill Road, near the corner of Skillman Road, in Skillman.

Grammy Award Winning L.A. Guitar Quartet Here

The Grammy Award-winning Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, with guest percussionist Colin Currie, will perform at McCarter Theatre this Friday, March 4 at 8 p.m. The program will feature four commissions from a quartet of composers that includes Princeton's own Steve Mackey, as well as selections from the group's latest CD, *Guitar's Heroes*, which earned a 2005 Grammy for Best Classical Crossover album.

Widely recognized as a premier instrumental ensemble, the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet has appeared at Los Angeles' Royce Auditorium, Chicago's Orchestra Hall, and New York's Lincoln Center. The Quartet has toured regularly in Europe and been featured at the Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, and Istanbul International Arts Festivals. The group has also made guest appearances with the Boston Pops on PBS's *Evening at Pops*, on CBS's *Saturday Morning*, and on CNN's *Show Biz Today*.

The quartet — John Dearman, William Kanengiser, Scott Tennant, and Andrew York — is known for the diversity of its musical styles, which include jazz, bluegrass, rock, and flamenco.

Tickets are $27 and $30, with $7 student standing room tickets also available. To order by phone, call (609) 258-2787.

MUSIC REVIEW

Despite a few Rough Edges Sunday Afternoon, Chamber Players Presented a Courtly Program

The Princeton University Music Department recently spawned another performing consort to complement the myriad vocal and instrumental ensembles already a part of the department. The Richardson Baroque Players has a slightly different mission than its sister Richardson Chamber Players, with a focus on music of the late 17th and early 18th centuries. The Players, under the leadership of Michael Pratt and Nathan Randall, presented their second in a series of concerts featuring the chamber music of Berlin Sunday afternoon in Richardson Auditorium with music from the Court of Frederick the Great. The program, with music of J.S. Bach, his son, and several of his contemporaries, was unfortunately affected at the outset when Mary Nessinger, who had the flu, could not perform the most interesting works on the program, which were by the rarely-heard Carl Heinrich Graun. The ensemble ably replaced these arias with one of Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos*.

Freelance composers were not commonplace in the 18th century; most composers were in the service of an institution (either religious or educational) or the court. Johann Joachim Quantz served Frederick the Great directly, and composed more than 500 works for the flute. The Richardson Baroque Players performed a typical three-movement concerto by Quantz featuring flutist Sandra Miller, a specialist in this period of music, and a faculty member at the State University of New York.

Six other members of the Baroque Players accompanied Ms. Miller in her solo — violinists Nancy Wilson and Dongmyung Ahn, violist David Miller, cellist Vivian Barton Dozor, double bassist Motomi Igarashi, and harpsichordist Wendy Young. Ms. Wilson and Ms. Ahn played as if their two instruments were one. The overall ensemble sound was serenely homogenous, with a great amount of communication between players and obviously great thought given to the performance. Playing without vibrato, the strings contained their sound as if in a nicely cushioned box.

Unfortunately, Ms. Nessinger was not the only source of problems during the program; tuning difficulties crept into the harpsichord in the C.P.E. Bach Sonata which featured Mr. Miller on viola. Ms. Young bravely addressed these tuning ills, and as much as her right hand on the harpsichord made a nice second solo instrument in Bach's Sonata in G Minor for Viola and Cembalo, the tuning issues never really went away for the rest of the afternoon. However, these two instruments were well-matched in their melodic figures and ornamentation, with the second movement, Larghetto, the most interesting of the work.

J.S. Bach's Trio Sonata from *Musikolische Opfer* (for which Frederick the Great provided the theme) brought out tuning problems of another sort between Ms. Wilson's violin and Ms. Miller's baroque flute. These two instruments did not seem to hang together, although the piece was well controlled by Ms. Barton Dozor and Ms. Young. Ms. Miller demonstrated particular agility in the final movement.

The work which showed the ensemble at its best was the one which was likely prepared in the last few days — Bach's *Brondenburg Concerto No. 5*. All of these players have no doubt played this work many times before, and the ensemble's swells and dynamic shading was very uniform. Ms. Young provided especially even and steady playing on the harpsichord, especially in the cadenza to the first movement.

Sunday afternoon's concert showed that this music, some of which is not often heard, has great appeal. Although the seven soloists did not always an ensemble make, nonetheless, as could be heard in the Bach *Brondenburg Concerto*, when they did perform together orchestrally, the result was certainly worth the effort.

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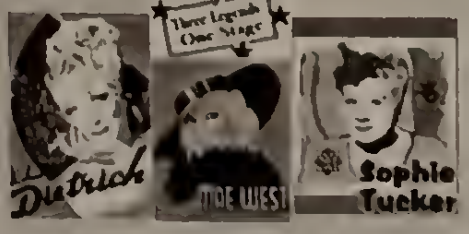

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Benefit Concert Planned By Trenton Music School

The Trenton Community Music School (TCMS) will present its annual benefit concert on Sunday, March 13, at 4 p.m. at Har Sinai Temple, 491 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton.

The mission of the annual concert is threefold — to bring live classical and jazz music to the greater Trenton community, to raise funds for the school's scholarship programs, and to honor a Trenton-based musical artist. This year's honorees are Sandra Milstein-Pucciatti, Managing Director, and Joseph Pucciatti, Artistic Director and Conductor of Boheme Opera New Jersey.

Highlighting the afternoon concert will be performances by baritone David Arnold and the Diaspora Chamber Music Players, an African-American trio based in New York City.

Mr. Arnold, who has sung in several Boheme Opera New Jersey performances, made his debut with the Metropolitan Opera in the role of Enrico in *Lucia de Lammermoor*, and has been heard at the Met in *Porgy and Bess* and *La Boheme*. He has also sung with many major American orchestras including the Chicago Symphony under Sir Georg Solti, and the Boston Symphony for the last six seasons. Abroad, he has appeared in Arnold Schoenberg's *Gurrelieder* at the Concertgebouw, and sung leading roles with Berlin's Komische Opera. He will sing works by Giordani and Mendelssohn as well as several spirituals.

The Diaspora Chamber Music Players will perform works by Mozart, Schumann, and Faure.

The program will also include two student ensembles, the Trenton Central High School String Trio, directed by Joseph Pucciatti, and The Trenton Community Music School's youth jazz quintet, directed by Tom Verdi.

Members of the audience will be invited to join the artists at a reception following the concert. Tickets at the door for the concert and reception are $15 for adults and $5 for students.

For more information, call (609) 394-8700.

Count Basie Orchestra In SRO Concert Saturday

The 100th anniversary of legendary bandleader Count Basie's birth will be commemorated this Saturday, March 5 when the Count Basie Orchestra teams with multi-Grammy nominated jazz vocalist Nnenna Freelon in an 8 p.m. concert at McCarter Theatre.

Nnenna Freelon

The evening will celebrate Basie and his music, and pay homage to the vocalists who have performed with the orchestra, including Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan.

Born in Red Bank, New Jersey in 1904, William "Count" Basie was a prolific and influential pianist, bandleader, arranger, and composer. His big band of the 1930s, '40s and '50s is widely considered one of the great jazz ensembles. Since 1936, the Count Basie Orchestra has won 17 Grammy Awards and two Hall of Fame Awards. Bill Hughes, who sat in the band's trombone section for nearly 50 years, now leads the orchestra; drummer Butch Miles, who also played under Basie, drives the rhythm section.

A five-time Grammy Award nominee, Ms. Freelon has been recording for Concord Records for more than a decade, releasing five CDs: *Shaking Free*, *Soulcall*, *Maiden Voyage*, *Tales of Wonder*, and *Live*. Winner of both the *Billie Holiday Award* from the Academie du Jazz and the Eubie Blake Award from the Cultural Crossroads Center in New York, she has also been nominated twice for the "Lady of Soul" Soul Train Award. In addition to her own recordings, she can be heard on the gospel album *Church: Songs of Soul & Inspiration*, alongside Patti LaBelle, Chaka Khan, and Jennifer Holliday.

Standing room only tickets at $15 are available by calling McCarter Theatre at (609) 258-2787.

Peter, Paul and Mary Concert Cancelled

The State Theatre has announced that due to Mary Travers' ongoing battle with leukemia, the Peter, Paul and Mary concert scheduled for Saturday, October 22 has been cancelled. Ms. Travers' doctors have advised that possible rescheduling of cancelled dates must await a future reevaluation of her condition.

Ticket holders have the option of exchanging their tickets for other State Theatre performances, exchanging the tickets for State Theatre gift certificates valid for a year, or receiving refunds.

To receive refunds, patrons may mail or bring their tickets to the State Theatre Box Office at 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, by Thursday, June 30.

The State Theatre has sent Ms. Travers its best wishes for a successful recovery.

Liszt Piano Concerto On Symphony Program

A performance of Franz Liszt's virtuosic Piano Concerto No. 1 by guest pianist Thomas Pandolfi will highlight the penultimate concert of Princeton Symphony Orchestra's 25th anniversary season on Sunday, March 13 at 4 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium.

PSO Music Director Mark Laycock's program will also feature never-before heard works and introduce new artists.

Opening the program will be a work by Gualtério Armando, a little-known composer of the mid-20th century "discovered" by Mr. Laycock during a recent trip to Italy. Mr. Armando's *Primavera Overture* was given a successful premiere in 1941 but has not been heard since. The concert will conclude with the *Symphony in C Major* by Paul Dukas, a composer primarily noted for his comic opera *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*.

The concert will be dedicated to the memory of the late Edward T. Cone, a founding trustee of the PSO.

When the late conductor/composer Morton Gould heard Mr. Pandolfi play Gershwin at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall he raved, "This was the greatest interpretation of the *Rhapsody* I have heard since Gershwin played it himself." Mr. Pandolfi has continued to impress audiences and critics alike, not only for his jazzy Gershwin renditions but also for his passionate performances of the romantic masterworks of the 19th century. While performing a repertoire ranging from Bach to Shostakovich, he particularly enjoys reviving rare gems of the piano literature by such composers as Anton Rubinstein, Ernst von Dohnanyi, and Sigismond Thalberg.

Mr. Pandolfi has recently been a guest soloist with the Mississippi Symphony, the San Angelo Symphony, the Ohio Valley Symphony, the Fairfax Symphony, and the Lima Symphony. He has given recitals throughout the U.S., appearing on such series as Chicago's Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series, New York's ProPiano Recital Series, Washington's Phillips Collection Music Series, and the National Chamber Orchestra Recital Series.

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Opera Company Plans Fund-Raising Musicale

Metropolitan Opera tenor Allan Glassman and former Singer Circle apprentice artist Anne Nash will sing in a benefit concert on Sunday, March 13, to support the New Jersey Opera Theater (NJOT). The event, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., will be hosted by Michael Lindlau and Dr. Frank Barham, and held at the Pennington home of Dr. Barham.

The musicale is being presented as a scholarship fundraiser for the Opera Theater's Summer Vocal Institute participants. Tuition to the Institute is $3,000, and covers an intensive five-week program of study and rehearsals culminating in August performances at McCarter's Berlind Theatre. This summer, Institute participants will perform *The Marrioge of Figoro*, Rossini's *The Borber of Seville*, and Massenet's *Chérubin*, all based on plays by the French playwright Beaumarchais.

Mr. Glassman has performed at the Metropolitan Opera for more than two decades. He will be performing Manrico in NJOT's concert presentation of *Il Trovotore* on May 6 at Richardson Auditorium.

Ms. Nash was a member of New Jersey Opera Theater's first Singer Circle during the 2003-04 season and performed the role of Pamina in its educational touring production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*. She also performed the role of Zerlina in the company's 2004 presentation of *Don Giovonni* at the Hamilton Murray Theatre.

"We're delighted to be joined by Allan Glassman and Anne Nash," said Scott Altman, NJOT's artistic director. "As ours is a tuition based program, it is our sincere wish to enable singers to join us this summer who otherwise would be unable to."

Based in Princeton, NJOT was established and incorporated in November, 2002 as a non-profit arts organization. Its programs and activities strive to combine educational and performance components.

Admission to the musicale is at the discretion of the patron, with a suggested range of $50 to $250. "Of course, we'd love to attract angels at the higher end," said Mr. Altman.

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Under the direction of Lou Woodruff, the interactive concert will give children a chance to sing, learn about music and musical instruments, and play a percussion instrument that they can take home as a souvenir.

Tickets are $8 for everyone, and may be purchased online at www.kelseyatmccc.org, or by calling (609) 584-9444.

Located on Mercer's West Windsor Campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road, the Kelsey Theatre is wheelchair accessible and provides assisted listening devices upon request. Free parking is available next to the theatre.

Practitioners of Musick Plan Baroque Program

The Practitioners of Musick — John Burkhalter on recorder and Eugene Roan on organ and harpsichord — will perform in the Westminster Early Music concert series on Sunday, March 13 at 4 p.m. in Westminster Choir College's Bristol Chapel. The program is titled *The Vice-Royolties of New Spoin ond Peru, 1650-1750.*

The Practitioners of Musick will be joined by the vocal ensemble Fuma Sacra, directed by Andrew Megill, and the Germantown Dancers Colonial Assembly. The program will feature rarely heard sacred and secular Baroque works drawn from various colonial period archives from Mexico, Central America, and South America.

Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for students and seniors, and may be purchased by calling the Westminster box office weekdays between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at (609) 921-2663. Tickets will also be available at the door before the performance.

Choral Group Announces Composition Competition

Voices Chorale of Pennington has announced its 16th annual music composition contest for children.

Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to compose a piece of music with a vocal element, write it down in any kind of notation, and submit a cassette recording with three written copies to Voices Composition Contest, P.O. Box 404, Pennington 08534.

Each entry should include the child's name and age, assisting adult's name, phone number, address, and child's background in music, along with a $5 processing fee.

The deadline for submissions is April 15. Established composers will review all entries and children will receive feedback on their submissions.

In conjunction with the competition, free music composition workshops for children will be held at the Princeton Public Library on Saturday, March 19 from 1:30 to 3 p.m., and at Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton, on Tuesdays, March 8 and March 15 from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Children who enjoy music are encouraged to attend. They will improvise tunes about favorite topics, such as food, pets, and vehicles, and will learn how to create rhythmic accompaniment. Selected compositions will be performed at Voices concerts on May 21, 22 and 31.

For more information, visit www.voiceschorale.org or call (609) 637-9383.

Two Concerts This Week For University Orchestra

The Princeton University Orchestra, under the direction of Michael Pratt, will present a program of works by Alfred Schnittke, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Richard Wagner in two concerts this weekend in Richardson Auditorium. Both performances, on Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5 will begin at 8 p.m.

The program will open with Mozart's *Symphony No. 39* in E-flat. The symphony, along with Nos. 40 and 41, was composed in an extraordinary six-week burst by Mozart in the summer of 1788.

Following intermission, soloist David Aaron Carpenter, a freshman at Princeton, will join the Orchestra for a performance of Russian composer Alfred Schnittke's *Violo Concerto*. Mr. Carpenter, a co-winner of the Orchestra's 2005 Concerto Competition, has won numerous honors including first place in the Juilliard Pre-College Open Competition. He was concertmaster and principal violist of the Juilliard Pre-College Orchestra, and has appeared in festivals in Italy and Switzerland.

The Schnittke concerto, scored for an unusual orchestral combination which eliminates the violin section, was composed in 1985 for Yuri Bashmet. It has already become one of the most performed works for viola and orchestra, and has been recorded several times.

The concert will conclude with a performance of an excerpt from Wagner's *The Ring of the Niebelung*. The part of Wotan will be sung by Jonathan Prescott, a New Jersey native who has sung more than 800 performances of 60 operatic roles in six languages in the U.S. and Europe. His numerous guest appearances include engagements with the opera houses in Mainz, Saarbrücken, Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Vienna, and Munich, as well as Columbus, San Francisco, New York, Boston, Detroit, Kansas City, and Austin in the United States.

Tickets are $15, $5 for students, and may be purchased at the Richardson Auditorium box office at (609) 258-5000, or at the Frist Campus Center.

Israeli Singer to Present McCarter Theatre Show

McCarter Theatre will present the Israeli folk-rock singer David Broza in concert on Saturday, March 12 at 8 p.m.

With more than 20 albums to his credit, Mr. Broza has been characterized as a modern troubadour of urban folk-rock. His quadruple platinum album, *The Womon By My Side*, boosted his popularity worldwide. His American debut album, *Awoy from Home*, was praised by The New York Times as one of the best pop albums of the year.

Mr. Broza's performance career has included appearances with Paul Simon, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, and Jose Feliciano; dueling guitar solos with Sting; performing at the Yitzhak Rabin Memorial in Madison Square Garden at the invitation of President Clinton; and serving as a goodwill ambassador for UNICEF and other humanitarian organizations. An intense performer, he has been described as a "post-modern Leonard Cohen" and "the Bruce Springsteen of Israeli rock and roll." His music is multi-cultural, flamenco-tinged folk-rock written and sung in Hebrew, Spanish and English.

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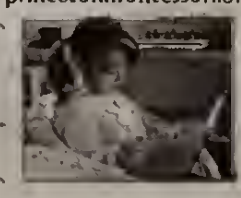

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GALA PLANNERS AND HONOREES: With the American Repertory Ballet/ Princeton Ballet School's annual Black and White Gala now just days away — Saturday, March 5 at the Hyatt New Brunswick Hotel — a recent planning meeting brought together the event's co-chairs and 2005 honorees. Shown standing, from left, are Gala co-chair Lisa de Ravel of Montgomery; honoree Douglas Martin of Lawrenceville, a former ARB principal dancer; and Gala co-chair Nancy McMillan of Princeton. Seated from left are honorees Mary Barton of Lawrenceville and Tracey Simon of Skiliman. Honorees not pictured are Ms. Barton's husband Douglas Martin, a principal dancer with ARB, and Ms. Simon's husband Mark Simon. Gala tickets are $200 and may be purchased by contacting Catherine Stillwell at (732) 249-1254, ext. 25.

McCarter Plans Auditions For Local Equity Actors

McCarter Theatre will hold auditions for Equity performers on Monday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Actors wishing to reserve an audition space should call (609) 258-6504 by Thursday, March 10, leaving their name and phone number. The auditions are Equity auditions for McCarter's upcoming 2005-06 season.

Audition appointments are on a first come first served basis. Individuals will be notified by phone about the time and location of the audition.

Actors who receive an audition time should prepare either a classic or contemporary monologue not to exceed two minutes, and bring a picture and resume with them to the audition.

McCarter is an equal opportunity employer. Actors of color and actors with disabilities are encouraged to audition.

State Theatre Schedules "The Barber of Seville"

One of Europe's largest opera touring companies, Teatro Lirico D'Europa, will bring its new production of Rossini's comic opera, *The Borber of Seville*, to New Brunswick's State Theatre on Saturday, March 12 at 8 p.m. Sung in Italian with English supertitles, the production will be directed by Giorgio Lalov. Krassimir Topolov will conduct the 50-member Sofia Symphony Orchestra.

Based on the first play in the trilogy that also inspired Mozart's Morrioge of Figoro, the opera deals with the barber Figaro before his marriage. The setting is the Spanish city of Seville in the 18th century. Figaro is helping Count Almaviva steal away the beautiful Rosina from her curmudgeonly old guardian, Dr. Bartolo. Outrageous disguises, bold schemes, and a missing ladder all figure in the plot.

Teatro Lirico D'Europa has given more than 3,000 performances throughout Europe and the U.S., using soloists from many countries including the U.S. The Sofia Symphony has traveled with the company since 1990. Sets and costumes are designed by artists in Europe and built in Bulgaria, where the company has a warehouse storing more than 25 different opera productions. The company is currently the only opera company touring the U.S. with full-scale productions accompanied by an orchestra, professional operatic chorus, and professional ballet ensemble.

A pre-performance "Insight," at 7 p.m., will feature the State Theatre's resident opera expert Lian Farrer, who will discuss and explain the opera's elaborate schemes, disguises, and misunderstood motives. To reserve a seat at the "Insight," call the box office at (732) 246-7469 or (877) STATE-11.

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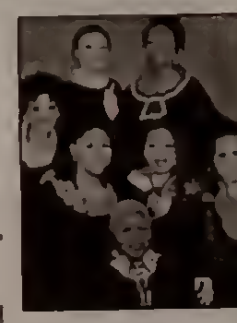

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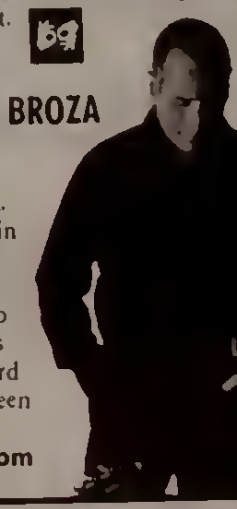

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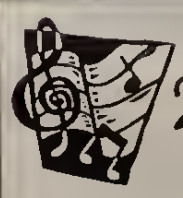

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"Black Light" Magic Show At McCarter on Sunday

McCarter Theatre's Family Series will continue this Sunday, March 6 at 2 p.m. with the National Black Light Theatre of Prague's *Fontasy Trovellers*, a multi-visual show featuring live performance, black light theater effects, big screen projections, and magic tricks.

Inspired loosely by Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* and Jonathan Swift's *Guilliver's Travels*, *Fantosy Trovellers* was awarded Best Fantasy Production at the 2002 fnternational Edinburgh Festival. The performance uses a combination of techniques in which live actors interact with projected images and black light techniques used to create special effects.

The principle behind "black light" theater stage technique relies on an optical ruse known as the black box trick, which makes use of the fact that the human eye cannot distinguish black-on-black. Actors dressed in black, moving against a black background, are invisible to the audience. In the same way, various mechanical devices are hidden from the spectators using this same concept.

Black box theatrical tricks originated in ancient China, where they were used to entertain the Emperor. In Japan, the technique was used in the Bunrak puppet theatres. fn the early 20th century, the black box trick ushered in the new world of film effects, and by the 19S0s, avant garde French puppeteers were using the technique in what became known as "black box theatre."

The National Black Light Theatre will "enthrall all ages with its wonder and curiosity," said The Edinburgh Evening News.

The performance will be presented as part of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance 8th annual Family Week at the Theatre.

Tickets are $20 to $2S. By mentioning Family Week at the Theatre, ticket buyers may buy one adult ticket and get a child's ticket free. To order, call (609) 2S8-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org.

Dance and Theater Studio Plans Full Summer Program

The Princeton Dance and Theater Studio has announced its schedule of summer dance programs, offered to dance students aged four through adult. Among the offerings will be summer camps for students 10 to 1S; Ballet fntensive Junior from July S to July 22; and Broadway Bound, July 25 to August 15.

Ballet Intensive Junior will offer two ballet classes and either jazz, modern, or hip hop daily. Broadway Bound will offer classes in acting, ballet and jazz, modern or hip hop, daily from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Studio will also offer the second year of its Summer Intensive Dance Program for more advanced dancers age 13 to 20. Faculty members will fncfude Susan Jaffe, a director and former principal dancer with American Ballet Theater; Risa Kaplowitz, a director and former principal dancer with Dayton Ballet; Christopher Martin, formerly with American Ballet Theater; and Geoffrey Doig Marx.

Guest teachers wilf include Cynthia Gregory, who danced leading roles in the American Ballet Theater repertoire from 1967 to 1991; Desmond Richardson, formerly a principal dancer with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Frankfurt Ballet, and American Ballet Theater; and Stephanie Saland, who danced leading roles for the New York City Ballet under the direction of George Balanchine.

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Musical by 17-Year-Old Earns Run at University

A new musicaf comedy by a father and son creative team, *Swimming Upstreom*, will be presented this week and next by Princeton University Players, in association with Blank Page Productions, in the University's Wilson Black Box Theater at Wilcox College. The writers are Marshall Pailet, a 17-year-old student at LaGuardia High School for the Performing Arts in New York City, and his father, Al Pailet. The son is responsible for the book and music, the father for the book and lyrics.

Opening night is Thursday, March 3. The musical will run through Saturday, March 12, with performances at 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday, March 5, Sunday, March 6, and Saturday, March 12.

Swimming Upstream will be directed and choreographed by Princeton alumna Marlo Hunter '99, a member of the Williamstown Theater Directing Corps. The show runs 90 minutes with no intermission.

The musical follows the travails of a high school student who struggles to find his own voice through the creative process of writing a musical for his health project. His missteps along the way include a Gifbert and Sullivan inspired exploration of foreplay, *The Pirotes of Menzpance*, and a piece about Abraham and Isaac entitled *Sacrifice*. The show culminates with *Sperm, The Musical*, a rock opera depicting the journey of a band of brothers in search of the ovum. The show was a finalist for the 2004 National Musical Theater Network New Voices Award and was selected for Stephen Schwartz's ASCAP 2003 Musical Theatre Workshop.

Marshall Pailet is already a veteran Broadway actor, having been immersed in musical theater since the age of 10. He is the youngest composer ever chosen by the ASCAP workshop. His father, Al Pailet, a member of The Dramatists Guild, recently completed a musical version of Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree* with songwriter Madeline Stone.

The cast will include Casey Ford Alexander, Joshua Goldsmith, Jackson Murley, Marshall Pailet, Ben Ryan, and Allison Squires.

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"Gaudy Girls" Cabaret To Benefit United Way

The Women's Leadership Initiative of United Way of Greater Mercer County will host a "fun-filled cabaret evening" on Saturday, March 19 to benefit United Way programs helping children at risk. Titled *Gaudy Girls*, the benefit will be held at the Mill Hill Playhouse in Trenton.

Gaudy Girls will feature three actresses who have teamed up to recreate the legendary performers Marlene Dietrich, Mae West, and Sophie Tucker. Appearing as the "Girls" will be Maggie Worsdale as Sophie Tucker, Anne Marie Finnie as Mae West, and Robin Williams as Marlene Dietrich.

Ms. Worsdale, who has recorded several albums, has been a professional cabaret entertainer for the past 16 years. She has appeared with Bob Hope, George Burns, Mark Russell, and Les Brown and his Band of Renown.

Ms. Finnie, a professional actress for more than 20 years, has appeared in *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Oliver*, *Sound of Music*, and *a Little Night Music*. She has also performed over 150 shows as "Mae West."

A versatile entertainer who sings with the Night on Broadway Company, Ms. Williams has been heard singing Broadway show tunes at many restaurants and conventions throughout New Jersey. She is a frequent soloist with the New Jersey Chamber Singers.

The Women's Leadership Initiative was formed in 2003 to harness the power of women to effect positive change through support of United Way of Greater Mercer County.

Tickets for *Gaudy Girls* are $35, and reservations are required by March 11. For more information or to order tickets, call (609) 637-4904.

GAUDY AND BAWDY: Appearing in an evening of song and laughter as the "Gaudy Girls" will be, from left, Robin Williams as Marlene Dietrich, Anne Marie Finnie as Mae West, and Maggie Worsdale as Sophie Tucker. The cabaret program, on Saturday, March 19 at the Mill Hill Playhouse in Trenton, will be hosted by The Women's Leadership Initiative of United Way of Greater Mercer County to benefit United Way programs helping children at risk. For reservations, call (609) 637-4904.

George Street Playhouse Slates "Address Unknown"

Kressmann Taylor's *Address Unknown*, based on her 1938 novella of the same title, will run from March 15 through April 10 at New Brunswick's George Street Playhouse.

Set in 1932, *Address Unknown* chronicles the friendship between two business partners in a San Francisco gallery. Martin Shulze, a German-born Aryan has returned to Germany with his wife and children and become established in his homeland; Max Eisenstein, a German-born Jew, remains in San Francisco to run the gallery. The play consists of exchanges between the two men. As the Nazi Party rises to power, the two longtime friends become ideological enemies, one committing a cowardly act of betrayal which irrevocably changes the lives of both men, and the relationship between them.

The two characters, while fictional, are based on real people. In her afterword to the book, Ms. Taylor wrote, "A short time before the war, some cultivated, intellectual, warmhearted German friends of mine returned to Germany after living in the United States. In a very short time they turned into sworn Nazis. They refused to listen to the slightest criticism of Hitler. During a return visit to California, they met an old, dear friend of theirs who was a Jew. They did not speak to him, and turned their backs on him when he held his hands out to embrace them. How can such a thing happen? I wondered."

She added, "I wanted to show the American public what happens to real, living people swept up in a warped ideology."

Address Unknown was translated into ten languages. Made into a film starring Paul Lukas as Martin and Morris Carnovsky as Max, it received a successful second life in 1995, the 50th Anniversary of the fall of Nazism.

The role of Max Eisenstein will be played by Sam Freed, the role of Martin Shulze by Mark La Mura. Frank Dunlop will direct.

Born in Portland, Ore., Ms. Taylor was a professor at Gettysburg College, Pa., for 20 years. In 1939 her story became the first fiction ever published by Reader's Digest. It was republished in America by Story Press in 1995, by Washington Square Press in 2001, and in 17 other languages since 1997, becoming a best-seller in France, Italy, Germany, and Israel.

Founded in 1974 and currently celebrating its 31st season, the George Street Playhouse's recent productions have included the Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk, and Drama League nominated production of *The Spitfire Grill*, and the Broadway hit and Tony Award winning play Proof by David Auburn, developed at GSP in 1999.

Preview performances of *Address Unknown* will be Tuesday, March 15, Wednesday, March 16, and Thursday, March 17 at 8 p.m. The play will then run through April 10 on Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Matinees are scheduled for Thursday, March 24 at 2 p.m. and Saturdays, March 19, April 2, and April 9 at 2 p.m. A Sunday symposium will be offered on April 3 after the 2 p.m. performance, featuring collaborators from the production discussing themes relevant to the play.

For tickets, ranging from $28 to $56, call (732) 246-7717 or visit www.GSPonline.org.

The George Street Playhouse is located at 9 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick.

Sesame Street Characters Coming to State Theatre

Elmo, Rosita, Big Bird, and the rest of the *Sesame Street Live* friends will appear at New Brunswick's State Theatre for one week in March in a new musical production from Vee Corporation titled *1-2-3... Imagine!* The show will be given twelve performances from March 23 to March 28.

The 90-minute show begins when Samantha ("Sam"), the mail carrier, visits Sesame Street to deliver special postcards to the block's furry residents. Knowing that her Muppet friends miss their pen pals, Sam shares her secret for visiting distant places: "use your imagination!" With a little help from her friends, Rosita finds herself in Mexico with her grandmother for a birthday fiesta; Ernie becomes captain of the Good Ship Rubber Duckie; and Elmo finds his rhythm playing the drums in an African rainforest.

1-2-3...Imagine! teaches children practical lessons such as counting, appreciation of other languages and cultures, and the power of imagination.

Performances are scheduled for Wednesday, March 23 at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Thursday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Friday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 26 at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 27 at 2 p.m.; and Monday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Tickets are $12 and $18, with a limited number of $24 premium seats available. Opening night tickets (excluding premium) are $10. A facility fee of $2 will be added to all ticket prices. For more information, or to order, call (877) STATE-11 or (732) 246-7469.

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CINEMA REVIEW — Diary of a Mad Black Woman

Kimberly Elise Is a Cast-off Housewife in Faith-Based Revenge Movie

On their 18th wedding anniversary, Helen McCarter's (Kimberly Elise) husband Charles (Steve Harris), who is an attorney, reminds her about the ironclad pre-nuptial agreement she had signed years ago. He then unceremoniously ushers her out of their suburban Atlanta mansion, though not before introducing her to his long-hidden mistress, Brenda (Lisa Marcos).

The heartless philanderer rubs salt in his childless wife's fresh wounds by callously boasting about the two children he's secretly fathered with his paramour. Reeling from all the revelations, Helen staggers out of the house and finds a ready shoulder to lean on in Orlando (Shemar Moore), a sensitive, handsome man with a heart of gold and the patience of Job.

HOW COULD THIS HAVE HAPPENED TO ME?: In shock over the sudden change in the direction of her life after 18 years of marriage, Helen McCarter (Kimberly Elise) stares into space as she tries to figure what to do next. (Photo by Alteo Dixon)

Homeless and cut off without a penny, she ventures back across the tracks to the inner-city neighborhood where she grew up. There she is taken in by her pistol-packing grandmother, Madea (Tyler Perry), and her great-uncle, Joe (also played by Tyler Perry).

Incensed by Helen's humiliating ordeal, Madea decides that her granddaughter had been wronged. Bent on vengeance, she drives Helen back to confront her ex and his girlfriend.

This is the set-up of *Diory of o Mod Block Womon*, a movie which never decides whether it wants to be a romance drama, a revenge comedy, or a morality play. As a result, we're left with a confusing film which alternates between mean-spirited slapstick, love scenes, and Bible lessons.

Imagine a cross between Martin Lawrence's *Big Momma's House* and Eddie Murphy's *The Klumps* with Christian and Cinderella themes. The film was adapted from a play originally commissioned by televangelist Reverend T.D. Jakes, which explains the religious sub themes.

Both the stage and screen versions were written by Tyler Perry who appears as three different characters, cross-dressing as the scene-stealing Madea. Tyler previously wrote a couple of other Jakes-sponsored, spiritual-oriented, stage productions, including *Womon, Thou Art Loosed.*

What ruins *Diory of o Mod Block Womon* is Madea's boorish, bull in the china store act. It is reminiscent of the sassy black woman stereotype popularized by *Sanford ond Son's* Aunt Esther. Loud and ignorant, Medea tends to trivialize every scene.

For example, it is impossible to take Helen's budding new relationship with a good Christian man seriously, when you've just witnessed Grandma gleefully slicing a couch in half with a chainsaw, and you sense that something more outrageous is coming next.

Fans of this irreverent brand of humor should make sure to remain in the theater through the entire roll of the closing credits, that features a selection of silly outtakes after a gospel song.

Fair (★). Rating: PG-13 for sex, slurs, expletives, drug use, crude humor, violence, suggestive language and adult themes. Running time: 116 minutes. Studio: Lions Gate Films.

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Are We There Yet? (PG for language and crude humor). Road comedy about the nightmarish ordeal of a playboy (Ice Cube) who agrees to drive his workaholic girlfriend's (Nia Long) disobedient kids from Portland, Oregon to Vancouver, British Columbia for a New Year's Eve reunion with their mom.

The Aviatar (PG-13 for nudity, sexual content, mature themes, profanity, and a crash sequence). Martin Scorsese tapped Leonardo DiCaprio to play Howard Hughes in this biopic about the enterprising, eccentric playboy who parlayed a modest inheritance into a massive fortune. With Kate Beckinsale as Ava Gardner, Cate Blanchett as Katherine Hepburn, Jude Law as Errol Flynn, Gwen Stefani as Jean Harlow, Jane Lynch as Amelia Earhart, Stanley DeSantis as Louis B. Mayer, and Michael-John Wolf as Cary Grant.

Because af Winn-Dixie (PG for adult themes and epithets). Based on the children's novel of the same name, this family drama follows the adventures of a 10-year-old girl (AnnaSophia Robb), abandoned by her mother, who moves with her preacher father (Jeff Daniels) to Florida where she heals with the help of the stray dog she adopts.

Be Cool (PG-13 for sex, expletives, sensuality and violence). Adapted from the Elmore Leonard novel of the same name, John Travolta, Harvey Keitel, and Danny DeVito reprise their roles in this sequel to *Get Shorty*. The cast features Cedric the Entertainer, Uma Thurman, Vince Vaughn, Steven Tyler, Christina Milian, and The Rock in a crime comedy about the efforts of a strong-armed debt collector to romance a music industry heiress.

Being Julia (R for sexuality). Romance drama, set in London in the 1930s, features Annette Bening as an aging stage actress who, at the height of her career, takes refuge from a stale marriage in an illicit love affair with an ardent American admirer half her age.

Bride and Prejudice (PG-13 for sexual references). Bollywood meets Hollywood in this musical version of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. Here, it's Mrs. Bakshi (Nadira Babbar) who's the meddling mother intent on finding appropriate suitors like the well-heeled Will Darcy (Martin Henderson) for her four beautiful daughters. In English, Hindi, and Punjabi with subtitles.

The Charus (PG-13 for sex, expletives and violence). Uplifting melodrama, set at a French boarding school in 1948, chronicles the efforts of a devoted music teacher (Gerard Jugnot) to rehabilitate his juvenile delinquent students by inspiring them to appreciate the transformational power of song. In French with subtitles.

Canstantine (R for violence and demonic images). Horror film, adapted from the comic book series, stars Keanu Reeves in the title role as John Constantine Hellblazer, a mysterious, misfit detective who teams up with a female cop (Rachel Weisz) to solve the murder of her twin sister. With Djimon Hounsou and Tilda Swinton.

Cursed (Rated PG-13 for horror violence, terror, sexual references, nudity, profanity, and a drug reference). Wes Craven (director) and Kevin Williamson (screenwriter) reunite to collaborate on another high body-count, teen screamer, this about a malevolent werewolf on the loose in Los Angeles. The cast includes Christina Ricci, Joshua Eisenberg, Omar Epps, Shannon Elizabeth, James Brolin, Lance Bass, Sheila E., Scott Baio, Craig Kilborn, Jillian Barberie, and Freddie Prinze, Jr.

Diary af a Mad Black Waman (PG-13 for drug content, mature themes, sexual references, and violence). Dysfunctional family comedy starring Kimberly Elise as a just-jilted housewife trying to land on her feet after being kicked out of the house by a husband (Steve Harris) who is dumping her for her best friend. With Shemar Moore and Cicely Tyson.

Finding Neverland (PG for adult themes and mild epithets). Johnny Depp stars as Scottish playwright J.M. Barrie in this family drama which speculates about what might have been the inspiration behind Peter Pon, his revered children's classic. With Kate Winslet, Vanessa Redgrave, Dustin Hoffman and Julie Christie.

Hitch (PG-13 for profanity and sexual references). Unlikely-buddy comedy with Will Smith as a date doctor doling out advice to a geek (Kevin James) going after the glamorus girl (Amber Valletta) of his dreams. Cast includes Eva Mendes, Michael Rapaport, and Adam Arkin.

Man of the Hause (PG-13 for violence, sexual content, crude humor, and a drug reference). Tommy Lee Jones takes the title role in this humor-driven action flick as a Texas Ranger assigned to go undercover to protect a team of cheerleaders who have witnessed a murder protection program. Cedric the Entertainer comes aboard for some comic relief.

The Merchant af Venice (R for nudity). Tenth big screen adaptation of the William Shakespeare classic about a man expected to pay off a loan he took for a friend with a pound of his own flesh. Starring Al Pacino as Shylock, Jeremy Irons as Antonio, Joseph Fiennes as Bassanio, and Lynn Collins as Portia.

Millian Dallar Baby (PG-13 for violence, profanity, and adult themes). Clint Eastwood directs and stars in this fight film about an ex-boxer who, with the help of a wise, one-eyed janitor (Morgan Freeman), grudgingly trains a woman (Hilary Swank) who wants to be a contender. Landed Best Picture, Director, and a trio of acting Oscar nominations, one for each of the above thespians.

The Pacifier (PG for violence, crude humor, and mild epithets). Vin Diesel plays Mr. Step-Mom in this kiddie comedy about a Navy Seal assigned to protect the five uncontrollable children of a government scientist assassinated while working on a top secret project.

Paah's Heffalump Mavie (G). Disney kiddie cartoon adventure has Winnie the Pooh and pals in the forest where they learn some very valuable life lessons while searching for a mysterious creature.

Sideways (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Mid-life crisis comedy with Paul Giamatti as an unpublished writer who embarks on an exploration of women and relationships in the California wine country with his old college roommate, a washed-up actor (Thomas Haden Church), who is going to be married in one week.

San af the Mask (PG for action violence, crude and suggestive humor, and epithets). Sequel sans Jim Carrey has Jamie Kennedy as a cartoonist whose infant son has a magical mask. Cast includes Alan Cumming, Bob Hoskins and Ben Stein.

The Wedding Date (PG-13 for sexual content). Debra Messing stars in this romantic comedy, set in London, as an old maid who hires a male escort (Dermot Mulroney) to dupe the fiancé, who dumped her, into believing she has a hot new beau.

—Kam Williams

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Sports

Life Without Boyle Starts for Princeton Men's Lax As 3rd-Ranked Tigers Host No. 1 Johns Hopkins

For the last four years, the Princeton University men's lacrosse team relied on Ryan Boyle to trigger its offense.

The gifted Boyle utilized his passing skills to put together one of the greatest careers in Princeton history, ending up second all-time at the school in assists (162) and points (232).

Boyle saved his best for last in 2004 when he was named the Ivy League Player of the Year and a first-team All American as he carried a freshman-laden Tiger squad to an 11-4 record and a Final Four appearance.

Life after Boyle starts this Saturday with a formidable challenge as the Tigers host top-ranked Johns Hopkins.

Princeton head coach Bill Tierney acknowledges that not having Boyle in the attack is going to be a major adjustment.

"It's been a little more difficult than I thought it would be," said Tierney, referring to carrying on without Boyle.

"Ryan was an on-the-field coach and that's what we miss the most."

But Tierney, a Hall of Fame coach who has led Princeton to six national titles in his first 17 years at the helm of the Tiger program, is confident that senior attacker Jason Doneger can fill the leadership void left by Boyle.

> ***"We're trying a lot of guys in the midfield.... Either that means we're really glad that we have a lot of guys who are interchangeable or nobody really stands out. I think it's the former. We have a lot of kids who play hard."***

"Jason is one of the best leaders we've ever had," asserted Tierney of the powerful 6'1, 205-pound Hewlett, N.Y. native, who was an All-Ivy performer last year. "He's an inspiration."

While Doneger doesn't handle the ball like Boyle did, he possesses one of the most powerful shots in the history of the program, bringing a career-total of 86 goals into his final college campaign.

"Jason has been our best player, he has stepped his game up," asserted Tierney, whose club is ranked No. 3 nationally. "He has played well in our scrimmages, he's scored a couple of goals in each game."

Tierney is also expecting big things from his pair of sophomore attackers, Peter Trombino and Scott Sowanick.

Last season, Trombino scored a goal in every game, totaling 24 on the season as he was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Year. Sowanick, for his part, chipped in 23 points on 13 goals and 10 assists.

In Tierney's view, the sophomore duo may ultimately benefit from Boyle's departure. "They are playing looser," explained Tierney. "Last year, they were not only trying to impress the coaches but looking to please Boyle. They are feeling their way."

A freshman, Alex Haynie, also figures to make an impact. "Alex is a good ballhandler," said Tierney. "He's a little thin so I'm not sure how he will hold up to the pounding of college lacrosse. He's shown strong skills, he's a left-handed feeder."

In the midfield, Tierney has a variety of options. Currently, he's running freshman Bob Schneider and sophomores Mike Gaudio and Whitney Hayes, a former Princeton High star, on his first line.

His second midfield group consists of junior Jim O'Brien, Sophomore Michael Biles, and freshman Pete Striebel.

"We're trying a lot of guys in the midfield," said Tierney, whose program has won or shared the Ivy League title 10 years in a row and will establish a league record for consecutive Ivy titles in any sport if it can keep the streak going in 2005.

"Either that means we're really glad that we have a lot of guys who are interchangeable or nobody really stands out. I think it's the former. We have a lot of kids who play hard."

Tierney knows he has a standout in his backline with senior captain Oliver Barry. "Oliver is so solid," said Tierney of the 2004 first-team All-Ivy selection. "In a lot of cases, he will cover the other team's best player. His work ethic has put him in the position he's in."

Senior Tim Sullivan will help Barry anchor Princeton's back line with a quartet of players in sophomores John Bennett, Zach Jungers, and Will Presti, together with freshman Dan Cocoziello, also likely to see playing time.

"Bennett is a long-stick while Cocoziello and Presti are classic close defenders," added Tierney, who is nationally known for his defensive wizardry. "Jungers is the most versatile. We will work all of those guys."

In goal, junior Dave Law, who gave up 7.76 goals a game as the starter last year, will likely get the bulk of the action between the pipes.

"It's Dave's job, he's done nothing to lose it," said Tierney. "Matt Larkin has improved a lot; he's really made some big strides. Freshman Alex Hewit is looking good. We have three good guys, all could see action."

Tierney knows that his defense will be under fire this Saturday when it faces high-powered Johns Hopkins, who also made it to the Final Four last season.

"There is a good reason they are ranked No. 1," said Tierney. "They have seniors who have started all four years. Maybe it's better to start with them than to get some momentum and have them smash it."

The Tigers should gain momentum as the season unfolds. "I think we will be better in May than we are in February," said Tierney, who has a lifetime record of 28-9 in NCAA tournament play.

"Our goal is to win an Ivy title and then compete for a national title. It's a great group of kids. Effort-wise and attitude-wise, it's one of the best groups we've ever had."

That kind of spirit will come in handy as the Tigers try to prosper without Boyle pulling the trigger.

—Bill Alden

FIRING LINE: Princeton University senior star and tri-captain Jason Doneger prepares to fire the ball last year in Princeton's regular-season win over Rutgers. Last season, Doneger scored a team-high 36 goals to help lead the Tigers to an 11-4 record and a Final Four appearance. Princeton will be looking for Doneger to produce again up front as it opens its season by hosting top-ranked Johns Hopkins on March 5. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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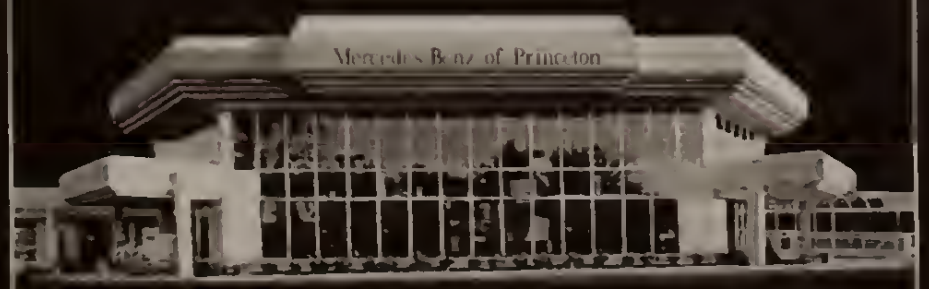

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Princeton Women's Lax Opening Season, Hungry to Go on Another Special Journey

This past December, the Princeton University women's lacrosse team embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure as they headed down under to Australia for a 10-day excursion.

In the view of Princeton head coach Chris Sailer, the Tigers benefited both on and off the field from the journey that featured four games, including three against the Australian national team.

"The caliber of competition was so high," recalled Sailer. "The Australian national team was so competitive; they forced us to read the game better. They were great in transition; we had to learn how to slow things down. We had bonding you can't have here between players with players and players with coaches."

Sailer is hoping that the Australian experience will come in handy this Saturday as the Tigers host Johns Hopkins in their season opener in what could be the first stop of a special 2005 journey.

Having reeled off 19 wins last spring before falling to Virginia 10-4 in the NCAA title game at Princeton Stadium, the Tigers will hit the field Saturday with a special motivation.

"There is a hunger," said Sailer, who is in her 19th season at Princeton and has guided the Tigers to national titles in 1994, 2002, and 2003 and a total of 11 Final Four appearances.

"But we're facing the reality that we've lost a lot of veteran players. We're trying to find a line-up. We have a lot of players with some experience who will get big opportunities this year. I see us as a work in progress. We have high goals, the way things ended last year has motivated us."

While Princeton has lost such stars as first-team All-Americans Theresa Sherry and Katie Norbury to graduation, Sailer still has plenty of talent on hand in a squad that is ranked No. 2 in the nation in the Inside Lacrosse preseason poll.

On attack, the Tigers will rely heavily on senior Lindsey Biles, a first-team All-American in 2004 who scored a team-high 71 points in 55 goals and 16 assists.

"Skill-wise and shooting-wise, Lindsey is such a threat, with or without the ball," said Sailer, noting that Biles has been struggling with a nagging knee injury.

Sailer will be looking for two seniors, Leigh Slonaker and Ingrid Goldberg, to provide Biles with some support up front.

"Leigh started for us as a sophomore and Iggy started as a junior," said Sailer, who is also looking for a boost on attack from freshmen Katie Atkins and Ashley Amo.

"They both have good experience. They need to raise their games and become good options for us. It's a challenge and an opportunity."

In the midfield, Sailer is happy to have the opportunity to put senior Elizabeth Pillion in her starting lineup. "Pillion is so competitive, she's such a force," said Sailer of the senior All-American who scored 51 points last spring on 34 goals and 17 assists.

Another key performer in the midfield figures to be sophomore Kathleen Miller, who scored 45 points last season on the way to being named the Ivy League Rookie of the Year.

The Tigers also could get a major lift from the speedy Katie Lewis-Lamonica, a former star at the Lawrenceville School.

"Lewis-Lamonica is off to a good start," asserted Sailer, who added that she is looking for sophomores Christine Dobrosky and Alex Gangler together with junior Caitlin Abidin to also contribute in the midfield.

"She is doing a good job at both ends; she really gets the defensive positioning. She's a hard worker; she won't leave the field until she gets it right."

On defense, Sailer is looking for junior Lauren Vance to be the anchor. "Lauren has a great presence," said Sailer of the junior who was a second-team All-Ivy selection last season. "She is really vocal, she is a great leader."

Others who should see considerable action on defense for Princeton include senior Jenny Austin, sophomore Caitlin Reimers, and freshman Allison Murray.

In goal, the Tigers will be in good hands with senior Sarah Kolodner, a four-year starter. Last season, Kolodner gave up just 5.82 goals a game as she earned second-team All-Ivy recognition.

Sailer noted that sophomore goalie Colleen O'Boyle has made great strides and that freshman Meg Murray is also promising between the pipes.

Sailer knows that her club is facing a major challenge in its opening day clash with Johns Hopkins, who was ranked seventh nationally in the preseason poll and routed Davidson 15-4 last weekend in its season-opener.

"They were in the top eight last year and they have a dynamo attacker in Mary Key," said Sailer in assessing the Blue Jays. "We and everybody else expect them to be competitive."

Sailer expects her team to be very competitive as the season unfolds. "The expectation is always to play well and be the best team we can be," declared Sailer.

"We're trying to be a great team. If we can do that, we should be in there with a shot at the Final Four. We're younger so we have a ways to go. We feel like the kids will respond."

If the players respond like Princeton teams in the past, the Tigers could go to some special places this spring.

—Bill Alden

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LOCKED AND LOADED: Princeton University lacrosse star Kathleen Miller races up the field in action last spring. Last season, Miller scored 45 points and was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Year as she helped the Tigers finish 19-1 and make it to the NCAA championship game. Miller and her teammates will look to get the 2005 season off on a high note when they host Johns Hopkins on March 5. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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PU Baseball Looking for Business as Usual As It Starts Season With Southern Swing

PRIME CUT: Princeton University junior outfielder Andrew Salini takes a powerful cut in a game last spring. The 6'3, 215-pound Salini hit .344 last year to help lead Princeton to its fourth Ivy League title in the last five seasons. The Tigers open their 2005 campaign this weekend when they play a three-game set at the University of Richmond. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Under the steady guidance of former major league catcher Scott Bradley, the Princeton University baseball team has cultivated a business-like approach that has resulted in consistent success.

Bradley, who is entering his eighth year at the helm of the Tiger baseball program, has led the Tigers to Gehrig Division titles in each year of his tenure and has coached Princeton to the Ivy League title in four of the last five seasons.

Last year, the Tigers went 28-20, won the Ivy League title, and topped Virginia in the NCAA regional before eventually being eliminated.

It was after the season, though, that the Tigers distinguished themselves as a program-record five players were selected in the Major League Baseball draft.

As Bradley looks ahead to the 2005 campaign, which starts when Princeton heads down to the University of Richmond this weekend for a three-game set, the cerebral coach concedes that achieving business as usual will be tough.

"It's going to be very difficult for us to make up for the four players we lost," said Bradley, referring to outfielder B.J. Szymanski, catcher Tim Lahey, infielder Steve Young, and pitcher Ross Ohlendorf.

"We had five players drafted; I think that tied Rice for sixth or seventh in the most guys taken in the first 20 rounds of the draft."

The one draftee who wasn't a senior last year, outfielder Will Venable, figures to be a pivotal performer this spring for Princeton.

Venable hit .344 last spring in his first year with the program and was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in the 15th round of the draft.

"Will had a great year," said Bradley, referring to Venable, a basketball star at Princeton who is the son of former major leaguer Max Venable.

"He has all the physical tools but what's more impressive is his baseball instincts. He's got great focus, he can hit the breaking ball, he's a good baserunner."

Bradley is also expecting big things from his two other starting outfielders, senior Adam Balkan and junior Andrew Salini.

"Adam is very strong, he's played a lot of baseball and nothing fazes him," said Bradley of Balkan, the team's leading returning hitter coming off a .345 campaign last spring.

"The scouts are looking at Andrew. He's 6'3, 215-pounds and if he catches it right, he can hit the ball off the football stadium beyond rightfield in our park. We have three talented baseball players in the outfield and we're looking for them to shoulder a heavy load for us."

Bradley believes that his experienced pitching staff has the arms to help carry that load. The starting rotation returns senior Erik Stiller together with sophomores Gavin Fabian and Eric Walz. In the bullpen, the Tigers will rely on senior closer Brian Kappel and senior sidearmer Worth Lumry.

"We have three of our four weekend starters back which is nice," said Bradley. "We have experienced arms to trot out there. Kappel was a great closer for us. He came out of nowhere and did a terrific job. Worth Lumry, a left-handed sidearmer pitched substantial innings last year. He should help us."

Around the horn in the infield, Bradley has some good options as well. At first base, the Tigers will be platooning Ryan Eldridge and Steve Wendell.

Aaron Prince, who knocked in the title-winning run against Dartmouth in last year's Ivy League championship series, will take over for Young at second base.

Junior Matthew Becker is back as the starter at shortstop while sophomore Sal Iacono and junior Zach Wendkos will share time at both catcher and third base.

Bradley will use the team's annual southern swing to tinker with his lineup to find the best combinations. "We'll take it slow and run a lot of different guys out there," said Bradley, whose team is scheduled to play 13 games down south from March 5-20.

"We'll play some very good teams. When we come back from the spring trip, we hope to have a good idea of what our line-up should be."

Once Bradley figures that out, the Tigers appear likely to emerge as a force once again. "It's always the same, we talk about approach," explained Bradley. "We're not concerned with the result but with playing the game right and getting better."

—Bill Alden

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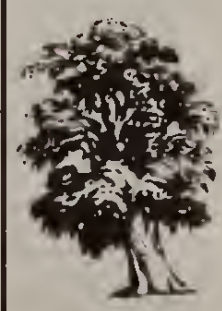
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DELIVERING THE GOODS: Princeton University senior star Melissa Finley delivers a pitch in action last spring. Finley, the Ivy League Player of the Year in 2003, has proven to be one of the more versatile performers in program history as she holds the program record in homers with 29 in addition to her fine work on the mound. Finley will look to get her final season off on a high note this weekend when Princeton opens its season by playing in the East Carolina Pirate Clash in Greenville, N.C. The Tigers play N.C. State and James Madison on March 4 and then faces Elon and East Carolina on March 5. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Tiger Softball Aims to Be Offensive As It Opens 2005 Down in Carolina

Early last April, the Princeton University softball team seemed well on its way to another banner season.

The two-time defending Ivy League champion Tigers got off to a 3-0 start in league play and brought an eight-game winning streak into the second game of an April 9 doubleheader against Dartmouth.

Princeton dropped that game, starting it on a skid that saw it go just 8-12 the rest of the season. Plagued by a collective batting slump that resulted in the Tigers ending with an anemic team batting average of .240, the club plummeted into the middle of the Ivy pack with a 7-7 league mark and a 24-23 overall record.

As she watched the snowflakes fall last Thursday, Princeton head coach Maureen Barron admitted that her thoughts were focused on how to heat up her team's offense.

"We've been working on it a lot, said Barron, referring to her team's offense. "We've been going live a lot against our pitchers in our workouts in our indoor facility. The swings are looking good. Our new assistant, Trina Salcido, is a hitting coach and she has been working hard with our hitters. I would hope our offense is better this year."

Barron will get a chance to see the early returns on the focus on offense when her club opens its season later this week by playing in the East Carolina Pirate Clash this weekend in Greenville, N.C. Princeton plays N.C. State and James Madison on March 4 and then faces Elon and East Carolina on March 5.

"We're looking for warm weather," said Barron with a laugh. "Going to the East Carolina is a good warmup for when we go west (for a California swing from March 11-20). The teams we are playing will all have 20 games under their belts but that's the way it always is."

Barron will be looking to her core of veterans to warm up her team's attack. The top of the Tigers' order should include juniors Cindy Cobb-Adams, Amanda Erickson, Lindsay Motal, and Erin Snyder together with senior star Melissa Finley. Princeton should also get a lift from freshmen Beth Dalmut and Lauren Bierman.

The power-hitting Finley figures to be a pivotal figure in that mix. The native of London, Ontario, who was the Ivy League Player of the Year as a sophomore, already holds the program record in homers with 29.

While Barron is hoping for a big year from Finley, the coach doesn't want to put an undue amount of pressure on her multi-talented star.

"I hope that she doesn't feel like she has the weight of the world on her shoulders," said Barron of Finley, who hit .315 in 2004 and also contributed on the mound with an 8-8 record and a 2.17 ERA. "I think last year, she had the expectation that she had to carry us after being the Ivy League Player of the Year. I just want her to go out there this year and be herself."

While the Tigers' offense rounds into form, Barron is confident that her pitching staff can hold the opposition down. "I feel great about our pitching," said Barron, whose staff will include ace Snyder, Finley, sophomores Calli Varner and Amelia Runyan, and freshmen Kristen Schaus. "We have a lot of arms and different styles, It gives me a lot of flexibility."

The key to the rotation will be the performance of Snyder, a fireballing right-hander who battled through injuries last year to go 9-12 with a 1.61 ERA and 137 strikeouts on 143 innings.

"Erin is throwing hard and her ball is moving well," said Barron, a former Princeton pitching star who was the Ivy League Pitcher of the Year in 1996. "She had tendinitis last year and her rehab has gone well."

In reflecting on last season's disappointment, Barron acknowledged that her team may have developed a false sense of security.

"We got a little complacent," said Barron, who is in her fifth season as the Princeton head coach. "I think that after we got off to such a great opening last year, we thought it was going to be easy. We can beat any team we play but any team can beat us."

Barron thinks her club has learned some valuable lessons from its stumble down the stretch. "Last year was a wake-up call for us," asserted Barron. "This is an exciting time for us. The players want to work hard and be the hardest working team in the Ivy League. They know it's going to be hard. We need to have intensity and drive all the way through the season."

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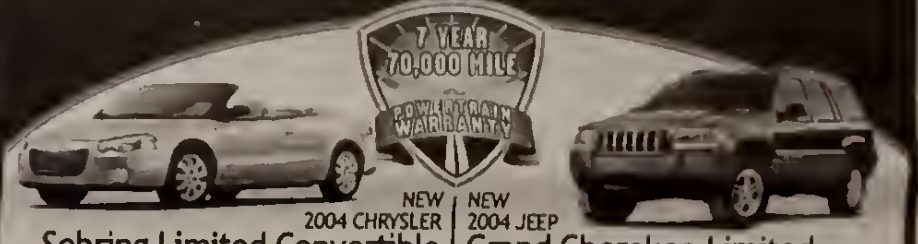

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Princeton Women's Hoops Falls to Cornell

The Princeton University women's basketball team brought plenty of momentum into its home finale last Saturday against Cornell.

Coming off an impressive 72-53 win over Columbia on Friday, the Tigers entered the night at 13-11 overall and 5-6 in the Ivy League, seemingly on the verge of clinching a winning season as the Big Red came into the game having gone 0-11 in Ivy play.

Cornell, though, jumped out to a 29-12 lead and never trailed as it won 76-61. The Tigers did narrow the gap to 36-34 early in the second half but never got closer as the Big Red hit 17-of-20 free throws in the second half to earn the victory.

No Tiger made it into double figures as the team shot a dismal 37.9 percent from the floor. Princeton still has a chance to clinch its first winning season in six years but it won't be easy as it finishes its season with games at second-place Harvard on March 4 and at first-place Dartmouth on March 5.

Princeton Track Teams Fall Short at Heps

The Princeton University track teams produced some fine individual performances but missed out on team titles at last weekend's Ivy League Heptagonal Indoor Track championships held in Cambridge, Mass.

The Tiger men finished second in the team standings, piling up 124 points, trailing Cornell, which totalled 147. Individual standouts for Princeton included Richard Stewart and Mike Kopp, who finished one-two in the 500-meter dash. Another highlight for the Princeton men was their victory in the mile relay.

In the women's competition, the Tigers finished seventh, well behind champion Cornell. Juliette Poussot provided a major highlight for Princeton as she took third in the 60-meter dash.

Tiger Men's Squash 3rd in National Event

Producing its best weekend of the season when it counted most, the Princeton University men's squash team upset Yale last Saturday to take third at the National Team Tournament in Cambridge, Mass.

Entering the weekend ranked fifth in the country, the Tigers upset No. 4 Penn in the quarterfinals before losing to eventual national champion Trinity in the national semifinal. The Tigers then toppled third-seeded Yale 6-3 in the third-place match. The win was particularly sweet since the Bulldogs had defeated Princeton 8-1 last month.

The Tigers' top player, Yasser El-Halaby, was in peak form as he posted 3-0 wins over Yale's Julian Illingworth and Trinity's Bernardo Samper, the nation's No 2 and No. 3 players, respectively. El-Halaby heads into next week's individual championships at Hanover, N.H. ranked as the No. 1 seed.

Princeton Men's Hockey Posts First-Ever 0-0 Tie

Led by junior goalie Eric Leroux, the Princeton University ice hockey team fought to a 0-0 tie at Union last Saturday, marking the first-ever 0-0 tie in the history of the program which dates back to 1900-01.

Leroux recorded 38 saves as Princeton moved to 8-18-3. The Tigers are next in action when they compete in the ECAC playoffs with a best-of-three first round series at St. Lawrence

Tiger Women's Swimmers Ivy Title Streak Snapped

Despite a remarkable performance from senior star Stephanie Hsiao, the Princeton University women's swimming team failed last weekend in its bid to win its sixth straight Ivy League title.

Harvard came into Princeton's DeNunzio Pool and left with the Ivy title as it outpointed the Tigers 1,615-1,389. Hsiao, though, produced a stellar effort in a losing cause as she was named the meet's Most Outstanding Swimmer.

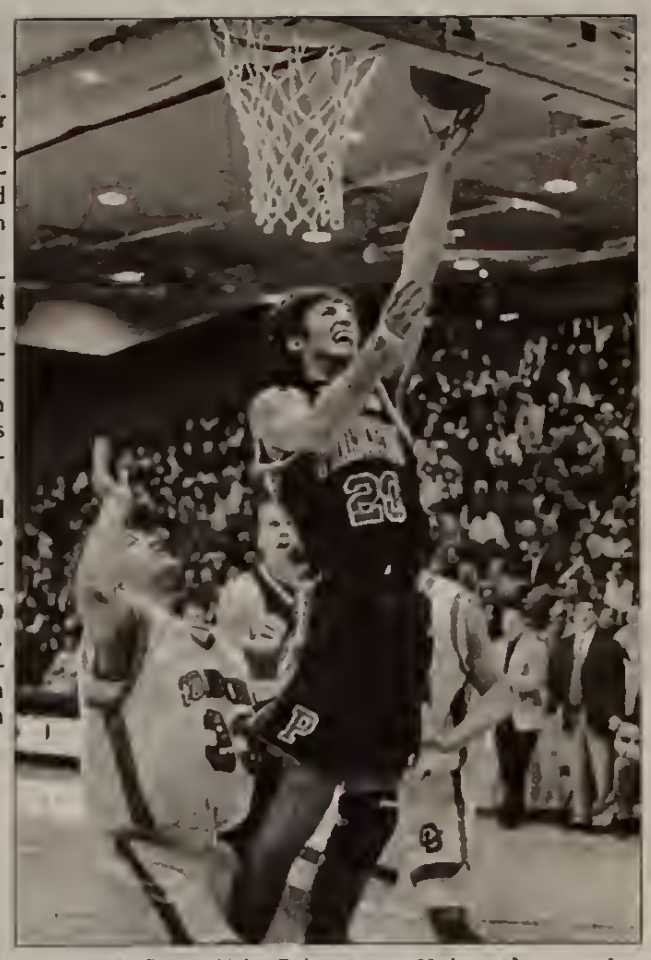
Hsiao won three individual races (200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke, 100 freestyle) and raced on four championship relays (200 free, 400 free, 800 free, 200 medley). Hsiao won at least one individual race and one relay in each championship session during the weekend.

Tiger Women's Hockey Rolls Past Union 9-2

Sophomores Liz Keady, Laura Watt, and freshman Marykate Oakley came up big on Senior Day at Baker Rink as they helped lead Princeton to a 9-2 rout of Union last season in the regular-season finale.

Keady, Watt, and Oakley each scored two goals as Princeton outshot the Dutchwomen 57-13 on the afternoon. The win lifted Princeton to a 16-8-5 overall record and a 10-7-3 mark in ECAC Hockey League action.

Princeton heads into postseason action this weekend when they play at Yale in a best-of-three series in the first round of the ECACHL playoffs.



HOT HAND LUKE: Princeton University sophomore forward Luke Owings flies in for two of his game-high 19 points in Princeton's 68-59 win at Columbia last Friday. A night later, Owings paced Princeton again as he scored 16 points but it wasn't enough as the Tigers fell 52-49 at Cornell. The loss dropped Princeton to 13-12 overall and 4-7 in Ivy League play. The Tigers, who have never had a losing record in Ivy play, will need to win their final three games in order to keep that string intact. Princeton will be at home for those final three contests as it hosts Harvard on March 4, Dartmouth on March 5, and Penn on March 8.

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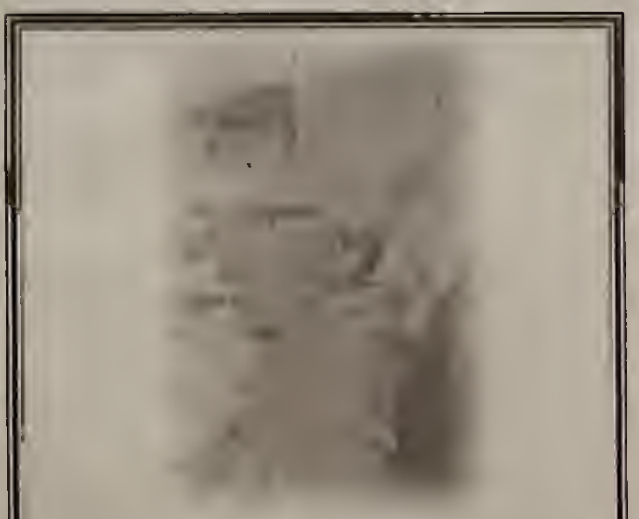

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Overcoming Early 2-Goal Deficit to Notre Dame, PHS Boys' Hockey Earns MCT Title in Overtime

Six years ago, the Princeton High boys' ice hockey team, captained by Ben Brener, suffered a disappointing overtime loss to Notre Dame in the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) championship game.

Last Friday, as the same two teams met in this year's MCT title contest, PHS captain Nick Brener, Ben's younger brother, was determined to leave the Mercer County Park rink with the title plaque.

"I knew that I just had to come out and play as hard as I could and take it home," said Brener. "My brother came this close when he was a captain and a senior."

This time around it was PHS that prevailed in a close one as it nipped the Irish 3-2 in a game that appropriately had to be decided in overtime.

In the early minutes of the contest, the top-seeded Irish, who came into the night with a gaudy 22-1 record, looked like they were going to blow the third-seeded Little Tigers off the ice.

Notre Dame scored twice in the first 3:32 of the game. PHS wasn't rattled, though as Brener and Sam Finnell assisted on a Peter Teifer goal with 11:11 left in the period. PHS sophomore Peter Miller scored with 8:11 to knot the game at 2-2.

The game stayed deadlocked through the third period although PHS came agonizingly close to scoring in the waning moments of regulation as sophomore star John Ryan got past the Notre Dame goalie only to have his shot cleared by a defenseman.

In the overtime stanza, PHS earned the title as little-used freshman Kyle DeBlois came through on just his fifth shift of the game to fire home a score.

The goal set off a raucous celebration as the Little Tigers jumped all over each other in joy in one corner of the rink with the coaching staff coming on the ice to join in the fun.

Brener, for his part, didn't want to seem to leave the ice as he skated around clutching the title plaque.

After the celebration headed to the locker room, a beaming Brener reflected on the team's achievement.

"We've finally got a banner to hang up in the gym," said Brener with a laugh. "We knew we had it. We just had to keep pounding that net."

Brener acknowledged, however, that the Little Tigers needed that first goal to slow Notre Dame's momentum.

"It gave us the jump we needed," said Brener. "From there we played like a real Princeton team, we played hard and together. We knew that if we played our game, we could win."

As the Little Tigers headed into the dressing room after the second period, Brener felt that the momentum had swung in favor of PHS.

"We all felt the energy, we just had to put it all together," asserted Brener. "We play as a team. We play as hard as we can, we go after every puck."

PHS came into the game with momentum having beaten long-time nemesis Hopewell Valley in the semifinals.

"Not beating them in over 10 years and then coming out and beating them, that was pretty uplifting," said Brener, recalling PHS' 5-2 win over the Bulldogs. "Last year we weren't as together as much as we are this year. There is a lot of team unity."

PHS head coach Paul Merrow found his team's rally last Friday pretty uplifting.

"It could've gotten ugly," said Merrow reflecting on his team's early deficit. "We just needed to go out and play hockey. We had nothing to lose. We weren't expected to be here. It was supposed to be the Hopewell-Notre Dame thing."

Once PHS got on the board, it settled down and gave as good as it got. "We showed discipline, we had to stay out of the box and for the most part we did," added Merrow, whose team improved to 18-4-1 in winning the program's first MCT title since 1992.

"We had to kill off a few penalties. It was 2-2 for a period and a half. In overtime, anything can happen."

Merrow and his assistants, though, went out of their way to remind the players of that frustrating loss to Notre Dame in the 1999 MCT.

"We've been in this same situation before against the same team and we came up short," recalled Merrow, who got a splendid 45-save performance from sophomore goalie Shane Leuck.

"Coach (Bob) Corell laid that thing in their head that back in '99 when we went into OT we weren't that fortunate."

With that history in mind, Merrow particularly enjoyed celebrating the win with Brener. "He came up to me and said 'finally,'" added a smiling Merrow. "I told him that 'you can tell your brother you have something that he doesn't.'"

With PHS facing Morris Hills in the NJSIAA state playoffs this week, the Little Tigers are intent on getting the state tournament success that has eluded the program in recent years.

"We're very optimistic about it," asserted Brener. "We're playing Morris Hills, they are just like us. I think we have a very good chance. We have come together this year. I think we've proven it to the league and to New Jersey. I think we're ready."

Based on last Friday's gritty effort, PHS could be ready to do some damage beyond Mercer County.

—Bill Alden

COMEBACK KIDS: Princeton High defenseman Brad Carduner clears the puck in the Little Tigers' 5-2 win over Hopewell Valley last week in a Mercer County Tournament semifinal clash. In the MCT championship game last Friday, third-seeded PHS overcame an early 2-0 deficit to upset top-seeded Notre Dame 3-2 in overtime. In gaining the program's first MCT title since 1992, the Little Tigers improved to 18-4-1 on the season.

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SAVING GRACE: Princeton High sophomore goalie Shane Leuck prepares to make a save in PHS' 5-2 win over Hopewell Valley last Wednesday in the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) semifinals. Two days later, Leuck made 45 saves to help PHS top Notre Dame 3-2 in overtime to win the MCT title.

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Can you name the college team that holds the record for the most consecutive winning seasons? The answer is UCLA with 54 straight. The string was broken with the 2003-04 season. As it turned out, the Bruins posted their second straight losing season in 2004-05, and the last time that happened was way back in 1939-40 and 1940-41. UCLA's coach at the time was Wilber Jones, who was eventually replaced in 1948 by the legendary John Wooden. By the way, Princeton is challenging UCLA's mark, going for its 51st consecutive winning season in 2004-05.

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The 2004-05 National Hockey League season was ruined when the players and owners failed to negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement, but life in the sport's minor leagues went on. In fact, 37-year old Kevin Kerr established the record for most career goals in the minors when he scored number 664 in a win over Fort Wayne. A right winger for the Flint Generals of the United Hockey League, Kerr was drafted by Buffalo in 1986 but never made it to the NHL, playing for 15 teams in five different leagues. Nevertheless, his jersey, stick and the record-setting puck are now in the Hall of Fame.

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PHS Girls' Swimming Falls in State Title Meet; Smiles Mix With Tears in Wake of Magical Run

UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE: Princeton High senior star Maddy Carroll celebrates with PHS head coach Greg Hand last Friday as the Little Tigers cruised past Haddonfield 108-62 to advance to the state Public B championship meet. A day later, Carroll won the 100 butterfly and finished third in the 50 freestyle as PHS lost 95-75 to Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the state championship meet. It was the second straight appearance in the state finals for PHS, which finished the season with a 13-2 record in dual meets. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

ARMED FORCE: Princeton High junior star Nina Rossi cruises to a win in the 100 freestyle in PHS' win over Haddonfield in the state Public B state semifinals. A day later, Rossi won the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke but it wasn't enough as PHS fell 95-75 to Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the championship meet. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Melissa Carduner managed to smile through her tears last Saturday after the Princeton High girls' swim team fell in the championship meet of the state Public B tournament.

Although Carduner and her teammates were disappointed at having fallen 95-75 to Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the meet held at The College of New Jersey, the positives of making it to a second straight state final far outweighed the numbers on the scoreboard.

"I think right now everybody has mixed emotions," said Carduner, a senior who swam the backstroke leg as the Little Tigers started off the championship meet by winning the 200 medley relay.

"We're all happy that we had such an amazing season, I think it is probably the best season that Princeton High girls' swimming has seen. It was really something special."

For Carduner, the most heartening aspect of the team's achievement was how it has risen from recent mediocrity to become a state power.

"When I was a freshman, we barely made the states," said Carduner, noting that PHS lost in the first round of the state tournament that season. "This year and last year, we were underdogs all through the states. We came out and made it here."

Carduner herself was a longshot to make it as she injured her knee playing soccer in both her junior and senior years. "I never thought I would come back last year and be as strong as I was," recalled Carduner.

"To be hurt again and come back a second year in a row and be able to swim at states is amazing. I think it's still hard pushing through. When I turn on the wall, I sometimes hear a crack or something. It's worth it when you get to this point."

In the view of PHS head coach Greg Hand, it was more than worth it to see the intensity that his team demonstrated in a losing cause.

"It was a great effort across the board," asserted Hand, who acknowledged that Scotch Plains-Fanwood had just a little too much talent for the Little Tigers to overcome.

"We ended with a huge team best in the 400 free relay. We started out with the second best time of the season in the winning medley relay. We had a season's best in the 200 free relay. We had some great individual swims throughout the meet. The kids competed with determination; we lost this one with dignity. I think this group feels like winners."

Individual standouts for Hand included junior superstar Nina Rossi, the winner of the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke, senior Maddy Carroll, the top finisher in the 100 butterfly, and Martha Ferguson, the winner of the 100 breaststroke.

Hand credited his group of seniors with propelling the Little Tigers to a second straight state final. "The whole run in the states is a demonstration of the leadership of the seniors," explained Hand, whose core of seniors included Carduner, Carroll, Hannah Gursky, Caroline Sholl, Emma Impink, Brittany Fiorello, and Emily Frantzen.

"We were ready for every meet. I think the best was called for every step of the way. They stayed sharp, they stayed focused. I think we gave our best everyday."

From Hand's vantage point, the seniors' impact went far deeper than inspiring teammates to swim faster times. "What was special was that these kids really looked out for each other and developed a sense of purpose," added Hand, whose team had cruised past Haddonfield 108-62 last Friday to advance to the state final. "They figured out great ways to make the team better than just an ordinary unit."

And in the process, the swimmers have learned some important lessons. "Some of these kids have had the rare opportunity to swim in two state finals," asserted Hand, whose team finished with a 13-2 final record.

"They'll remember it forever. It's high school athletics, these kids are learning every step of the way. There is no doubt that falling short is sometimes a learning experience too. The remarkable thing is doing what it takes to get here and giving a great effort at the end."

For Carduner and her teammates, giving all they had was reason enough to be proud. "I think that's the reason we're happy even though we lost," asserted Carduner. "Every person on this team knows they gave 100 percent, even 110 percent. There are no regrets."

—Bill Alden

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OUT OF HAND: Princeton High senior swim star Pete Hand swims to a second-place finish last Friday in the 100 breaststroke as PHS fell 100-70 to Haddonfield in the state Public B semifinals. Hand won the 200 individual medley as he competed in his last dual meet for PHS. The Little Tigers finished with a 12-3 record in a season which saw PHS take its fifth straight Central Jersey Public B sectional title. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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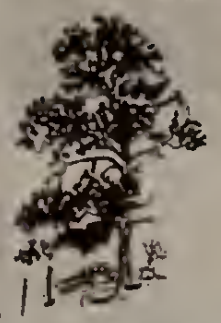
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NO WAY OUT: Hun School senior forward Nadine Maeser struggles to find an open teammate as Hun fell 65-38 to Peddie last Wednesday in the state Prep A championship game. The loss left Hun with a glittering final record of 22-3 with each of the losses coming to powerful Peddie.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Hun Girls' Hoops Showed Heart to the End As it Fell to Peddie in State Prep A Finale

The Hun School girls' basketball team thought that it was on the verge of unlocking the mystery that has stumped Prep A teams for years.

After suffering two double-digit losses this season to Peddie which hadn't lost to a state Prep A foe since 1999, Hun trailed the nationally-ranked Falcons by just 28-24 at halftime last Wednesday in the state Prep title game.

"We went into the locker room knowing that we had to keep up the momentum," recalled Hun senior forward Nadine Maeser.

"That's what kept us in the game, the intensity we had on defense. We were mentally prepared. It was upbeat."

Hun, however, lost the momentum in the third quarter as Peddie utilized some sharp shooting from three-point range to build a 46-36 lead going into the fourth quarter.

With Hun apparently running out of gas from the energy it had expended early in the game, Peddie pulled away to a 65-38 win and its ninth consecutive state Prep A title.

While Maeser was disappointed with the final score, she was able to put things in perspective as she reflected on a season in which Hun went 22-3, losing only to Peddie.

"It's still an awesome feeling," asserted Maeser. "We are happy for the season that we had. It's a great finish. To lose to only one team and that one being one of the best in the nation, it's pretty rewarding."

Hun head coach Bill Holup said his team nearly executed the blueprint for springing an upset of Peddie. "We did what we wanted to do which was to be patient on offense and get good shots," said a glum Holup.

"Our best chance was to see if we could get their forwards in trouble and keep them from hitting their threes. Their forwards were in foul trouble but they were shooting well. We got one out of two and that managed to keep us hanging around."

Holup acknowledged that his team misfired too much on offense to pull the upset. "We missed a lot of lay-ups inside the paint area," said Holup who got 17 points from freshman star Emily Gratch and 14 from senior standout Shantee Darrian in the title game.

"I think we shot something like 14-of-42 overall. Against a team like Peddie, you have to drain the shots that you have."

In Holup's view, the Raiders are making progress in their quest to topple Peddie.

"If you look at everybody else in the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL), we beat everybody else by an average of 17 points," explained Holup. "So we're above everybody else, we're just below Peddie. Definitely the gap has closed."

Such progress would not have been possible without the efforts of Hun's core of seniors. "They are the ones who have established what future Hun girls will be chasing after," said Holup, referring to his senior group which included Maeser, Darrian, Jill Fonseca, Bis Fries, and Chelsey Baxter.

"They set the standards. They set them to such a high level that Hun girls' basketball is getting some recognition. That's something we've never really had."

Maeser, for her part, recognized that Hun put together something very special even as it fell to Peddie.

"We came out with heart, that's all you can really ask for," asserted Maeser, managing a smile. "It was a great season. The team was awesome. We came together this winter."

—Bill Alden

CHARLIE COMPANY: Hun School senior forward Charlie Fritsch looks for an opening in Hun's 47-45 loss to Peddie on February 16 in the state Prep A semifinals. Fritsch, a versatile player who shot 45 percent from three-point range, was third in the team in assists, and was a key defensive player, will be missed by the Raiders. Hun, which finished the season at 16-8, should return eight players as it looks to go further in the state Prep playoffs.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Hun Boys Hoops Faltered Down Stretch But Still Produced Some Major Highlights

With eight minutes left in the state Prep A semifinal, the Hun School Boys' basketball team appeared poised to produce a special finish to the campaign.

Leading Peddie 34-25 and buoyed by a raucous standing-room-only home crowd, the Raiders were well on their way to their second victory this season over the Falcons and a date with nationally-ranked St. Benedict's in the state Prep title game February 23.

But failing to execute offensively, the Raiders made eight turnovers down the stretch on their way to a bitter 47-45 loss to Peddie.

Three days later, Hun had another crack at Peddie, this time in the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) semifinals. Hun took better care of the ball in the rematch between the teams but couldn't stop Peddie's outside shooting as the Falcons hit nine three-pointers in earning a 71-66 win.

Hun, which entered the final week of the season at 16-6 and had its eyes on two crowns, thus finished at 16-8, failing to reach any post-season title game.

While Hun head coach Jonathan Stone was disappointed by how his team faltered in the games with Peddie, he was pleased with his team's performance over the course of the season.

"We didn't end things well," acknowledged Stone. "I think overall that we had a good season. We won the Peddie and Hillside tournaments and we won the MAPL regular season title. Those are three things to be proud of."

Stone was particularly proud of how two-year starters Charlie Fritsch and Leo Nolan performed in their final campaigns for the Raiders.

"We're going to miss them," said Stone of his two captains. "Charlie shot 45 percent from three-point range, was third in assists, and was probably our best defensive player. Leo was our leading scorer and leading rebounder and was second in assists and steals. They did a lot for us."

Looking ahead, Stone has some returning players who should do a lot for Hun in the future. "We have two starters coming back in Idris Hilliard and Geoff Rizk," said Stone. "Idris played really well down the stretch."

In addition to the powerful Hilliard and assist-leader Rizk, the Raiders should also welcome back Myron Rolle, Stosh Mariarz, Kristian Richardson, Brian Kendrick, Ross Trampler, and Jake Ballarotto.

Stone hopes that his returning players will gain something positive from the disappointments of the season's final week.

"You hope that you learn from every game, whether it's a win or a loss," explained Stone, who cited wins over Bloomfiefd Tech and St. Augustine and a riveting double-overtime loss to eventual state Prep champion St. Benedict's as highlights of the season. "It's part of my job to see that they do, I'm a teacher. We're continuing to grow and gain more respect."

—Bill Alden

FRESH LOOK: Hun School freshman star Emily Gratch flies in for two of her team-high 17 points in Hun's 65-38 loss to Peddie last Wednesday in the state Prep A title game. Gratch averaged 11 points a game in her debut season to help the Raiders post a program-best 22-3 record.

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PHS

Boys' Basketball: PHS ended a tough season on a down note as it fell 68-35 to Montgomery High last Friday. Casey Huckel, Dan Mawn, and Will Rogers each scored seven points as the Little Tigers finished with a 4-19 mark.

Girls' Ice Hockey: Senior star Vicki Chen ended her career in spectacular fashion as PHS defeated the Hill School 6-1 last Sunday at Hill to wrap up the inaugural Mid-Atlantic Prep Girls Hockey League (MAPGHL) invitational tournament. Chen fired in four goals with Suzanne Hudis and Katie Burke chipping in one apiece. The victory lifted PHS to an overall record of 12-4-1 and a 5-3-1 mark in MAPGHL play. The Little Tigers finished in second place in the tournament and second place in the MAGPHL league standings. The 12 victories established a new record for the girls' ice hockey program.

Wrestling: PHS senior Will Borchert came up big last Saturday in the NJSIAA District 17 wrestling championships as he took the title at 189 pounds. Borchert, a senior, pinned Mike Yaros of Hopewell Valley in the championship bout. Other Little Tigers who fared well at the district meet included Dele Owosemi, the fourth-place finisher at 215, and Tom Frantzen, the fourth-place finisher at 160. PHS placed seventh of nine teams at the competition. By virtue of his win, Borchert advances to this weekend's Region 5 tournament at Hunterdon Central.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Boys' Hockey: Brett Haraguchi had a big game as Lawrenceville ended its season on a high note when it topped Bridgeton 5-3 on February 20. Haraguchi scored twice as the Big Red finished with a final record of 12-13-2.

PDS

Boys' Basketball: PDS head coach Ahmed El-Nokali said last week that he will be resigning from his position with the program. El-Nokali, a former star guard at Princeton University who guided PDS to the state Prep B title game in his coaching debut in 2003-04, is leaving the post to pursue graduate studies.

Boys' Ice Hockey: Despite a superb effort by Will Denise in his high school finale, PDS fell 3-2 to St. Mary's last Sunday in the championship game of the PDS Invitational Hockey Tournament. Denise scored two goals as the Panthers ended up with a final record of 16-6-2. The PDS program honored the late Christopher Reeve, an alum and former Panther hockey goalie, by renaming the tourney's sportsmanship award for Reeve. PDS senior forward Rajiv Mallipudi was named as the winner of the Reeve award.

Girls' Ice Hockey: Meg Kerwin ended her high school career with a bang but it wasn't enough as PDS fell 4-3 to Rye Country Day in a shootout last Sunday in the consolation game of the PDS Invitational Hockey Tournament. Kerwin tallied two goals as the Panthers finished with a final mark of 9-14. Kerwin ended the season with a team-high 49 points on 38 goals and 11 assists. PDS junior Jessica Cellars was named as the winner of the tournament's sportsmanship award which was renamed last Sunday for the late Christopher Reeve, a PDS alum and former Panther hockey goalie.

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The Princeton U-13s then played Ewing again in the first round of the playoffs in the Central Jersey League and posted a 44-34 win. Sherman led the way with 16 points and 11 rebounds while Gordon added 10 points and grabbed 15 rebounds.

The Princeton U-12 girls'/ Black team edged South Brunswick 31-27 in Flemington League play. Molly Barber scored 11 points and Janie Smukler added seven to pace Princeton.

Princeton's U-14 boys' squad continued its strong play with a 39-38 victory over Hillsborough in Montgomery League action. A.J. Dowers and Antoine Hoppenot led Princeton with 13 points each.

Dillon Youth Basketball Recent Results

In action last weekend in the 4th/5th grade boys' division of the Dillon Youth Basketball League, Princeton Supply slipped past Woodwinds 26-22 behind eight points from Mike Manley. The Cafe posted a 19-18 triumph over PBA Lions led by eight points from Peter Schulman. Momentum Fitness cruised past Princeton Shopping Center 33-13 as Oren Karsen scored 14 points for the winners and Chris Jackson added 10. Ryan Meier scored six points to lead Mason, Griffin & Pierson to a 13-7 win over the PBA Bears. Princeton Dental Group beat Iano's Pizzeria, 16-15 behind eight points from Lior Levy.

In the 6th/7th grade boys' division, McCaffrey's defeated Sportsmedicine 28-27 as Aaron Wishnick scored 11 points for McCaffrey's and Max Reid added 10. Jonathan Ostroff led Sportsmedicine with 17 points. Thatcher Foster scored eight points to lead Larini's Sunoco to a 22-17 win over PBA Tigers. GR Murray beat Tull's Terrors 27-18 as Eamon Fahey netted 10 points and Robert Liu scored nine. Trevor Barsamian scored 14 points and Jake Golden added 12 to help Blue Point Grill stay unbeaten with a 35-22 win over Princeton Amoco. Ismael Hammoudi dropped in 12 points and Owen Wilson had 10 as Momentum Fitness topped Ershow Chiropractic.

The 8th/9th grade boys' division saw the Tigers beat the Pirates 42-35 as Joe Rogers poured in 26 points. Vail Grafton had a big game in a losing cause as he netted 25 points. Matt Young scored 10 points and Will Henry added eight as the Raiders beat the Knights 42-29.

In the junior girls' division, the Mercury defeated the Sol 14-7 behind five points from Olivia Wiles. The Rockers defeated the Comets 8-5 as Julia Peters, Kaylin Blount, Emma Wingreen, and Susan Farrell scored two points each for the winners. Lauren Ullman led the Comets with four points.

In the senior girls' division, the Sun topped the Sting 18-14. Julia Barry and Molly Lynch scored six points each for the Sun. Kim Abrams led the way for the Sting with eight points. The Fever routed the Mystics 28-3 behind eight points from Keisha Brown.

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SIGNATURE MOMENT: Princeton High senior Blathnaid Mahon, center, is all smiles last week as she signed a National Letter of Intent to play field hockey this fall at St. Francis University (Pa.). Longtime PHS field hockey coach Joyce Jones and PHS athletic director Eric Amkraut joined Mahon for the signing. Mahon led the Little Tigers field hockey team in points and goals in the 2004 season and was tied for the lead in points for 2003. She was the cumulative points and goals leader for the 2003 and 2004 seasons. St. Francis competes in the Northeast Conference, NCAA Division I. The Northeast Conference includes New Jersey schools, Rider and Monmouth.

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The **Piano Teachers Forum**, an organization of professional piano teachers that meets the first Friday morning of every month, will meet March 4 1 at Jacobs Music. The meeting will include a presentation by Carol Gingerich entitled, "Exploring Teaching and Leaming Styles."

The 10 a.m. meeting will be preceded at 9:30 by coffee and conversation. For directions and more information, call Lois Bitler at (609) 587-8313.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will host a California Mix No Name Dance on Saturday, March 5 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road. The event will feature swing, Latin, hustle, night club 2, and some ballroom dance styles.

Doors open at 7 p.m. A spin and turns lesson by Phil Lamothe will be held at 7:30, followed by open dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.

Admission is $11 for adults, $8 for students. For more information, visit www.centraljerseydance.org or call (609) 466-8470.

The **Washiogtoo Crossing Auduboo Society** will host a field trip to the Princeton Institute Woods on Saturday, March 5, at 9 a.m. Participants will walk through the woods, which are located near the Institute for Advanced Study, looking for wintering birds and other flora and fauna of the mature forest. Lou Beck will lead the trip. For more information, contact Lou at (609) 737-0070.

Princeton Singles has scheduled seven events in March.

Hour-long canal walks, followed by lunch, are scheduled for Saturday, March 5 and Saturday, March 26. Participants will meet in the parking lot at the Winepress Restaurant in Kingston at 10 a.m. For reservations, call (609) 896-1170.

On Sunday, March 6 the club will host a brunch at noon at J. Winberie in Princeton, followed by a visit to Princeton University Museum. Cost of the brunch is $15.95 plus tip and tax. For reservations, call (732) 246-7495.

On Friday, March 11, club members will meet for breakfast at Star Diner in Hillsborough at 9 a.m. Admission is the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (908) 359-8412.

On Saturday, March 19, the group will meet for dinner and a show at the State Theatre in New Brunswick. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the show is at 8. Admission is $30-$37 and the cost of dinner. For reservations, call (732) 613-1682 by March 8.

On Sunday, March 20, the group will meet for lunch at McAteer's in Somerset at 2 p.m. Admission is $15. Space is limited. For reservations, call (908) 359-5395 no later than March 17.

The club will also host a noon luncheon meeting on Tuesday, March 29 at the Elks Club in Blawenburg. Admission is the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (609) 369-5208.

The **Princeton Seoior Citizeo's Club** will host a bus trip to the Trump Marina in Atlantic City on Wednesday, March 9. The cost will be $20 a person. For reservations or information, call Henry Tilghman at (609) 921-6082.

The **Princeton Elks Club**, located on Route 518 in Blawenburg, will host a St. Patrick's Day celebration on Saturday, March 12 featuring a cash bar at 7 p.m. and buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m. The Billy Hill Band will provide music for dancing. Admission Is $28.

For information, call Jim Rose at (609) 406-0100 or Jan Mercer at (609) 243-4352.

CHESSforum

Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

The chess-playing public views grandmasters as flawless players of the game. However, they are human too. We all make mistakes, and the grandmasters are no exception.

In this week's featured game, one of India's finest players of all time, Viswanathan Anand, makes a tactical slip. This example reminds us that we must consider all possible moves in all branches of our analysis.

It appears to me that GM Anand either disregarded or undervalued the possibility of 27...Qxe7. My analysis concludes that after 27.Ne7+, white is lost. Not capturing the queen with 28.Rxe7 would leave black with a minor piece advantage — but it makes little difference — white will lose material either way.

The text shows one possible way. At the end, black will be able to exchange two rooks for queen and bishop, leaving him with two bishops and a pawn for white's rook. This is a dominating material advantage in the endgame.

Other moves lead to equally unhappy endings for white. 31.Kf3 Rxe7 32.Qb8+ Kh7 33.a4 Be5 leads to several variations with black ahead a bishop. Play this out and see for yourself.

This is one very good example where a grandmaster would have benefited from a quick infinite move search during his analysis — we should all be thankful for the lesson.

—Chad Lieberman

1.e4	c5
2.Nc3	Nc6
3.f4	e6
4.Nf3	Nf6
5.Be2	d5
6.e5	d4
7.exf6	dxc3
8.fxg7	cxd2+
9.Qxd2	Bxg7
10.c3	Bd7
11.0-0	Qc7
12.Ng5	Ne7
13.Qd3	Nf5
14.Bh5	0-0
15.Bg4	Rad8
16.Qh3	h6
17.Ne4	Bb5
18.Re1	Rd3
19.Qh5	Rd5
20.Bxf5	Rxf5
21.Qh3	Rd8
22.Ng3	Rd3
23.Qg4	Rf6
24.f5	exf5
25.Nxf5	Rg6
26.Qf4	Qd7
27.Ne7+	Qxe7
28.Rxe7	Rd1+
29.Kf2	Rf1+
30.Ke3	Re1+
31.Kd2	Rxe7
32.Kc2	Rxg2+
33.Bd2	Rd7
34.Rd1	Be2
35.Re1	Bh5

White Resigns

Anand, V. (2500) - Sveshnikov, E. (2535)
Moscow, 1987

Solution:
1.Qxd6+ Nxd6
2.Bxd6#

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OBITUARIES

Louise Rosenblatt Ratner

Louise Rosenblatt Ratner, 100, a former longtime resident of Princeton, died February 8, in Arlington, Va.

Born Aug. 23, 1904, in Atlantic City, N.J., she lived in Princeton beginning in 1950 before moving two years ago to Virginia.

A professor and writer, she received the "Certificat d'Etudes Francais" from France's University of Grenoble in 1926. She received a doctorate in comparative literature from the Sorbonne in 1931.

She developed a revolutionary approach to understanding the reading process and the teaching of literature with the 1938 publication of *Literature os Exploration* (Appleton-Century; Modern Language Association, 1995, 5th ed.)

The University of Chicago's Wayne Booth, writing the foreword to the 5th edition of *Literoture os Explorotion*, noted, "I doubt that any other literary critic of this century has enjoyed and suffered as sharp a contrast of powerful influence and absurd neglect as Louise Rosenblatt...She has probably influenced more teachers in their ways of dealing with literature than any other critic."

Dr. Rosenblatt was a professor of English education at NYU's School of Education (now Steinhardt School of Education). Prior to her arrival at NYU in 1948, she was an assistant professor at Brooklyn College (1938-1948) and an instructor at Barnard College (1927-1938). At NYU, where she earned the university's "Great Teacher Award" in 1972, she headed the doctoral program in English Education until her retirement from the university in 1972.

Dr. Rosenblatt was married to Sidney Ratner, an economic historian at Rutgers University. The two were married for 63 years at the time of Mr. Ratner's death in 1996.

During World War II, Mr. Ratner was an economist for the U.S. State Department's Board of Economic Warfare and the Foreign Economic Administration, the New York Times reported In Mr. Ratner's obituary, and Dr. Rosenblatt worked for a U.S. intelligence agency, the Office of War Information, analyzing information from Nazi-occupied France.

Dr. Rosenblatt began as a literary historian and critic, publishing at age 27 a book in French on the "Art for Art's Sake" movement in England. While teaching literature to college students, she developed an approach that broke with the dominant academic model (the New Criticism), which elevated "the text," declaring it accessible only to those trained in unlocking its code. By contrast, Dr. Rosenblatt stressed that every act of reading involved a "transaction" of reader and text in which both were essential. In her view, any text was lifeless without a reader who is active: active readers create multiple readings of the same text; no reading is uniquely "correct."

At the same time, Dr. Rosenblatt argued against the purely personal and subjective approaches more popular in recent years. She noted that some readings were more defensible than others and worked for a community of readers who sought to refine their reading and test their responses against the text.

Dr. Rosenblatt is survived by a son, Jonathan, of Arlington, Va. and a granddaughter, Anna.

William Henry Cherry

William Henry Cherry, 85, a longtime Princeton resident, died February 19.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Dr. Cherry lived in Princeton for 53 years before moving to Stonebridge in Montgomery Township last year.

He was a physicist, who graduated from Bayside High School in New York City, received his bachelor's of science degree from MIT in 1941, and his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1958. His father, William Cherry, was a civil engineer for New York City's docks, and his mother, Theresa Baur Cherry was a stained-glass window artisan at the Louis C. Tiffany Studios prior to her marriage.

He began his career at RCA in Harrison, N.J. in 1941. He attended the groundbreaking for RCA Laboratories (later RCA's David Sarnoff Research Laboratories) in Princeton, and began working there at its opening in 1942. Using the auspices of RCA's employee education program, he was employed full time while working on his Ph.D.

At RCA he received eleven patents, contributed to RCA's development of color television, and was an early pioneer in the field of superconductivity, using low temperatures to lower electronic resistance. During World War II, Dr. Cherry and another physicist, Dr. Jan A. Rajchman, spent two years trying to improve betatron electron tube to generate millimeter-wavelength radio frequencies. At the time, state of the art radar in World War ii used three to ten-centimeter wavelengths to track planes, missiles, and ships.

During 1946 and 1947, he worked on the color television and his articles on "Colorimetry in Television" in the RCA Review and the Journal of the Society of Motion Picture Engineers established the mathematical basis of what could be called "video high fidelity." His work on quantifying the visible spectra in a color video signal also contributed to RCA Laboratories' compression of a color broadcast channel by two thirds so that it would fit in the government-allotted bandwidth for monochrome television.

Dr. Cherry was elected to Princeton Township Committee in 1977, serving three terms until 1986. While on Committee he served as liaison to the Flood Control Committee, the Board of Health, the Welfare Board, the Recreation Board and the Sewer Operating Committee. Beginning in 1987 he served as Chair of the Floor Control Committee and continued as Chair until 1994.

He was an avid distance swimmer and loved sailing and summer vacations on Nantucket and more recently Silver Bay on Lake George, N.Y.

In 2004, he received the Good Guy Award from the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey. His current pursuits included being chairman of the Princeton AARP's Legislative Committee. He was a life member of the American Physical Society and a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Patricia; two married daughters, Kathleen of Princeton, and Diana of Springfield, IL; a son, Martin of St. Johnsbury, VT; and five grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service and brief reception on Sunday, March 6, at 1 p.m. at All Saints Church, located at 16 All Saints Road.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Judith C. Dorey

Judith C. Dorey, 64, of Rocky Hill, died February 14 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Philadelphia, she had lived in Rocky Hill since 1970.

She was a member of the Rocky Hill Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, and of Blawenburg Church, where she was involved with various church activities.

Daughter of the late John and Louise Prutzman Long, she is survived by her husband, David J. Dorey; a daughter, Jennifer Talarico of Montclair; a brother, John D. Long Jr. of Elkins Park, Pa.; and one granddaughter.

The funeral was February 18 at Blawenburg Reformed Church; pastor Richard Van Doren officiated.

Burial was in Blawenburg Cemetery.

Arrangements were by The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blawenburg Church Restoration Fund, 424 County Highway 518, Skillman 08558.

Thomas H. Johnson

Thomas H. Johnson, 62, of Princeton, died February 26, at home.

Born in Princeton, he was a 1956 graduate of St. Paul's School and a 1961 graduate of The Hun School. Mr. Johnson was also a former altar server at the dedication mass of St. Paul's Church in 1956.

He was a self-employed electrical contractor, in addition, he was past president and former chief of Mercer Engine No. 3; past president of Princeton Lions Club; past president of the Nassau Social Club; president and founder of the Kenmore Social Club; a football coach for the Mercer County Football League, heavy weight division; former member of IBEW Local Union #269; and member of Princeton Boy Scout Troop 56.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife of 19 years, Josephine; two sons, Thomas R. Jr. and Michael J., ; and a daughter, Jessica; all of Princeton.

A funeral will be held Wednesday, at 10 a.m., at the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, located at 40 Vandeventer Avenue. Following will be a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Church, located at 214 Nassau Street.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Johnson Family College Fund, c/o Commerce Bank, 883 State Road 206, Princeton, N.J., 08540.

Ture Fred Bergman

Ture Fred Bergman, 96, a former Princeton resident, died February 14.

Born in Overby, Sweden, he moved to Princeton for carpentry work after immigrating to the United States in 1937 and working on tugboats in New York harbor for a time.

Prior to that he lived at sea for 13 years as a sailor on Merchant Marine square-rigger ships. He married Hjordis Lindstrom in 1938.

Mr. Ture enjoyed telling his family and friends about his days at sea carrying cargo from countries in Africa to South America.

As a carpenter he worked on several Princeton University buildings, including the Firestone Library and the Woodrow Wilson Building.

He was a charter member of the Lutheran Church of the Messiah.

In 1995 he and his wife moved to Denver, CO to be closer to family.

Mr. Ture is predeceased by his wife, Hjordis. He is survived by a daughter, Evelyn of Denver; and two grandchildren.

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Helen McDaniel Craven

Helen McDaniel Craven, 92, a former Princeton resident, died February 19.

Born in Suzhou, China on July 23, 1912, she was the youngest of six children of Baptist missionary parents.

She married Wesley Frank Craven on May 30, 1931. In 1953, she began teaching preschool children in Princeton. Two-year olds were her favorite age group and she loved teaching them music and movement. Her most rewarding experience in education was helping found and administrate the Princeton Junior School. After retiring, she moved to Carol Woods Retirement Community in 1993.

She loved music and played in recorder societies for many years. Her other love, besides family, was travel. She visited many places around the world including China.

Ms. Craven is predeceased by her husband Wesley. She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Beecher of Madison, WI, and Betty Barber of Portland, OR; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be made to the YMCA Children's Center, c/o Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA, 980 Airport Road, Chapel Hill, N.C., 27514.

Kate Payson Tredennick

Kate Payson Tredennick, 91, died February 27 at The Elms of Cranbury.

Born in Portland, Maine, Mrs. Tredennick lived in Princeton for more than 25 years before moving to Rossmoor in Monroe Township 35 years ago.

She received a bachelor's degree from Smith College, and was a former chairman of the Red Cross Blood Donor Drive. She was a State of Maine Women's Singles Champion in tennis.

Daughter of the late Kate Wheeler Payson and Robert Payson, and wife of the late, Alan Tredennick, she is survived by two daughters, Joan Tredennick and Anne Chacchia, both of Rochester N.Y.; a son, Alan of Monroe Township; nine grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial are private under the direction of Kimble Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to The American Red Cross.

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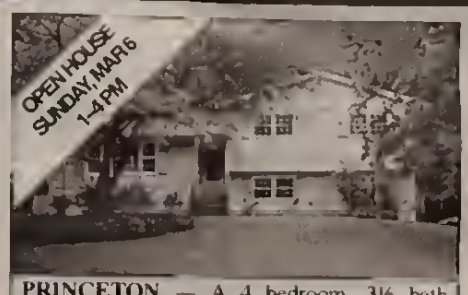

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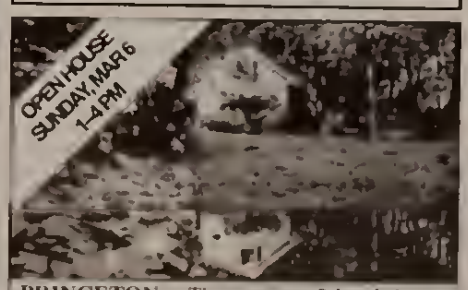

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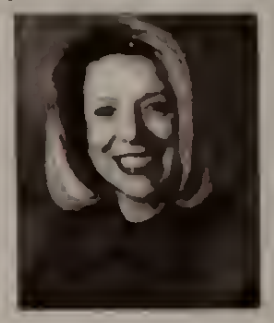

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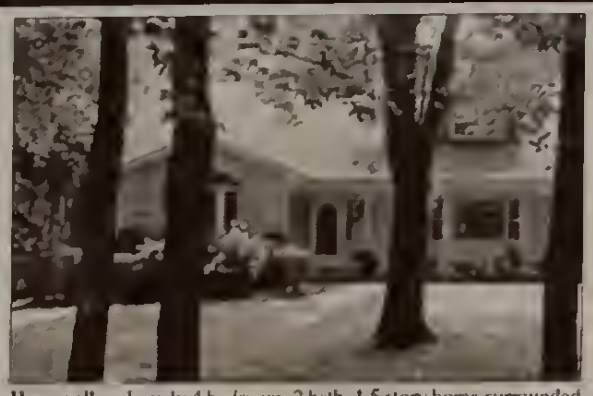

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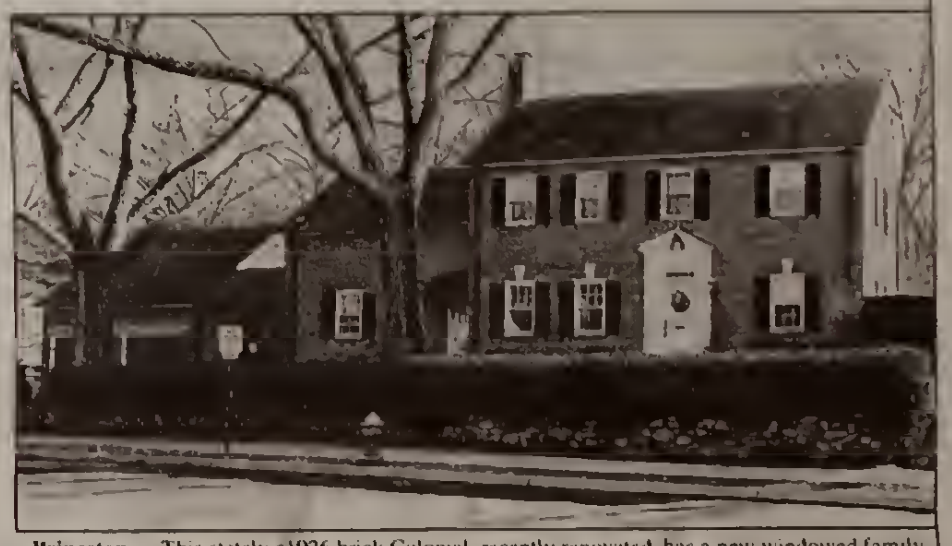

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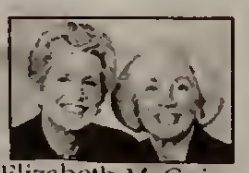

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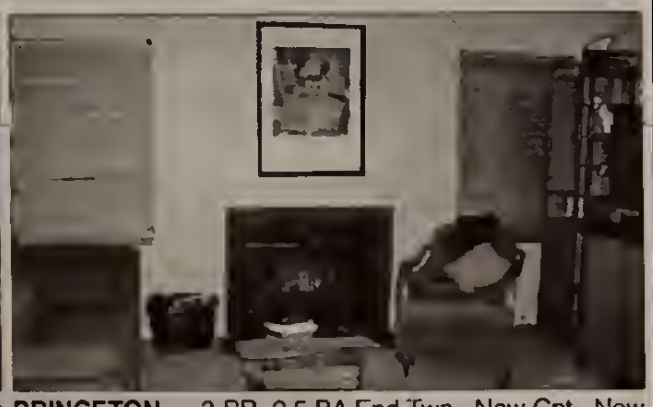

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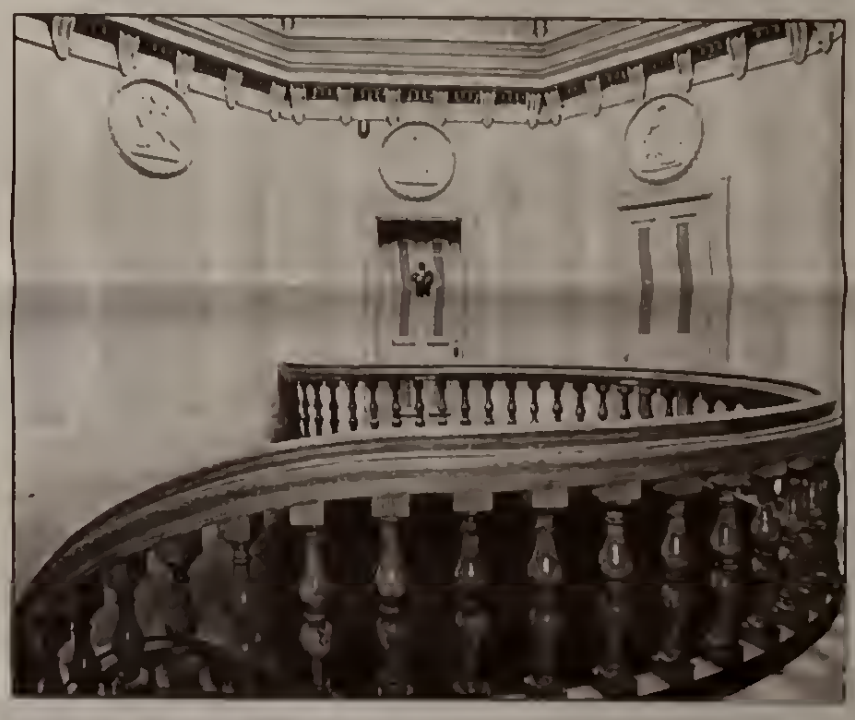

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On the crest of hill, this handsome country home is in complete harmony with its 10 acre arboretum-like setting; its enduring brick façade and window reflections perfect companions to seasonal palettes. Pebbled stone and slate patios, with connecting paths, surround the house, providing each room with its own lovely vista. The dramatic two-story reception room entry serves as the center core of the house, with 12' walnut doors introducing most of the rooms. The living room has an oversized elongated fireplace, white oak parquet floor, and sliding glass door to a patio. The adjacent formal dining room opens to an adjoining patio. A library offers walls of walnut bookshelves and cabinetry. In the family room, a wet bar and elongated fireplace, with stunning rose copper hood, flanked by sliding glass doors to the outside. A superlatively renovated kitchen has a limestone tile floor, granite counters, matched quilted maple cabinetry and grand center island, with breakfast table; an elevator descends to the lower level. Nearby, the laundry, mudroom, a pleasant bedroom and full bath. In the luxurious master suite, a bedroom opening to a private patio, his and her vanities, well-appointed bath, and dressing room; a door leads to a skylit indoor pool, with exercise area. Two additional bedrooms and a hall bath complete this floor. Upstairs, two bedrooms sharing a bath and a loft area. On the lower level, a spacious game room, half bath and professional wine cellar. Just below the house, a clay tennis court. Extraordinary attention has been given to the implementation of mechanicals insuring comfort, convenience and safety. An exceptional property, in Hopewell Township.

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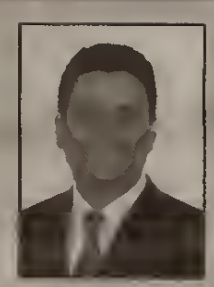

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